

Good morning

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Mostly sunny with highs in the middle 50s. Light winds. Lows 25 to 30 degrees.
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L.A. disc jockeys suggest June Snake canyon stunt

Pair would launch 'Elvis Bob' across chasm

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two morning disc jockeys from Los Angeles want to launch "Elvis Bob" across the Snake River Canyon in June to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Evel Knievel's unsuccessful canyon leap.

Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, confirmed Wednesday that he has been contacted by the "Knee and Brian Show" of KLOS radio in Los Angeles about the publicity stunt.

The show's producer, Nicole Sandler, told Just in a March 29 letter that Mark and

Brian intend to take a "Bob" from a Bob's Big Boy restaurant, attach the statue to a rocket and launch him across the canyon.

The Twin Falls county commissioners already have been contacted by the radio station and do not object to the stunt, Just said.

Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said he had spoken with the DJ's on the air about a month ago.

"They seem plumb serious," Hempleman said. "I just took it to Kent (Just) and said we didn't want to fuss with it."

Just said he also has spoken on the air with the radio duo and is supportive of their efforts. His main concern is the public's safety, he said.

"Is anybody's life in danger and is the environment in danger?" he said.

If the answer to both questions is "no," he said he sees no reason to stop the DJ's from attempting the launch.

The Friday morning show of June 3 or June 10 would be broadcast from the Twin Falls site, Sandler wrote.

"Our listeners tend to be very well-behaved and environmentally-conscious," she wrote. "We are, of course, prepared to post a bond or guarantee cleanup, or do whatever you are comfortable with to ensure we leave the property as we found it."

Just has prepared a letter dated Wednesday to send to property owner Tim Qualls.

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On the move



ANDY ARIZONA/The Times-News

After the Boone house was maneuvered around North Flvo Points, above, truck and home continue the trek south on Blue Lakes Boulevard. The historic house on the road attracted crowds of spectators in Twin Falls, right. Utility crews were up early Wednesday preparing the way for the wide and high load, below right.

Boone parade stops power, trade, truck

By Mick Northington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Boone House cruised down Blue Lakes Boulevard slower than teenagers in a 1975 AMC Pacer on a Friday night.

And the Boone House bothered just as many businesses Wednesday.

Kathy Nichols stood outside her Blip Printers on Blue Lakes Boulevard South and watched the house drift by at about .5 miles an hour.

"Oh yeah, it's an inconvenience, but it's kind of nice. You don't see a house driving down the street every day," Nichols said.

She and her employees lost power for an hour, which caused their computers to crash. So they all ate their lunches outside with hundreds of other watchers.

Down the street, Maxie's Pizza

and Pasta restaurant manager Mike Hayes called his employees in the morning and told them not to bother coming in. While the house was an interesting spectacle, Hayes said Wednesday afternoon is his busiest lunch crowd as he lost a lot of business. He tried to cut his losses by not opening until 4 p.m.

The estimated cost of moving the house is \$50,000. But the overall cost to the community in lost business may be impossible to calculate as the house rolled down Blue Lakes Boulevard cutting power and phone service to businesses and homes along the way.

Still, the one-float parade entertained hundreds.

Contractor J.C. Anderson saved the 76-year-old house from the wrecking ball. The Magic Valley Mall has spent more than two years trying to give the house

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Democrats lose health reform leader over ad plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former Ohio governor quit Wednesday as leader of the Democrats' multimillion-dollar health care reform campaign because the party has decided to emphasize television advertising over grassroots organizing.

The Democratic National Committee announced Richard Celeste's resignation as the party released a new TV ad promoting the benefits for elderly Americans in President Clinton's reform plan.

Celeste was recruited with fanfare by DNC Chairman David Wilhelm just seven months ago, when the party planned to generate support for Clinton's plan through organizing in key states and congressional districts.

But that effort was slow to show results, and opponents were successful in eroding support for Clinton's with a series of critical ads, including the "Harry and Louise" series sponsored primarily by the insurance industry.

Stung by the success of those ads, the

White House told the party to refocus its National Health Care Campaign, with an emphasis on television ads.

Celeste, however, framed his resignation and the new media campaign as a logical evolution of the Democratic Party effort and made no mention of the White House disappointment with the early phases.

Meanwhile, Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee caucused to map strategy for drafting health legislation. Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., said his subcommittee will likely approve one bill

close to the Clinton plan and a second to create a so-called single-payer, Canadian-style health system for all.

Education and Labor is the most liberal of the three major House committees working on the legislation. While the chairmen of Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce are looking to scale back the Clinton proposal, Williams said that in Education and Labor, "there is consensus on expanding the benefit package to include enhanced care for the mentally ill, improved dental care and home care."

Crunching carrots sound idea

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Wait. Clean up your plate.

The doctor's advice is still correct: You really should eat your carrots.

The release of a big study casting doubt on the seemingly awesome powers of beta carotene has led to some understandable confusion. The research found that not only did mega-doses of this vitamin found in carrots fail to protect smokers from lung cancer, it actually seemed to increase the risk.

At DeLuca's Market on Boston's Beacon Hill, produce manager Paul Sousa was as puzzled as anyone.

"This is something that's been good for people for so long. Then they change their story in mainstream. It's hard to understand," he said.

Not even the people who conducted the 10-year, \$43 million study are sure what to make of it. But one thing seems clear: Carrots, broccoli and other foods rich in beta carotene are surely good for you.

And while vitamin pills are not proven to be harmful, the study published in Wednesday's New England Journal does nothing to support the exuberant claims made about them, either.

"This is very specific to pills. All of the studies that preceded this that looked at foods showed no suggestion of harm," said Kara Smigel, a dietitian and spokeswoman for the National Cancer Institute.

"We are worried about headlines that say, 'Carrots Are Bad for You,'" she said. "That's exactly what we do not want people to hear from us."

In recent years, though, many people have turned to vitamin pills to boost their daily intake of beta carotene and other nutrients found in much smaller levels in a healthy diet.

The Council for Responsible Nutrition, a vitamin maker trade group, says use of beta carotene pills has

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Suit targets Forest Service over fish issue

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund claims in a lawsuit that six national forests in Idaho violated the Endangered Species Act by failing to protect Snake River salmon runs.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Boise on behalf of the Pacific Rivers Council and The Wilderness Society.

The groups accuse the Forest Service of failing to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on the needs of endangered sockeye and threatened chinook salmon in developing management plans for the Nez Perce, Payette, Boise, Challis, Salmon and Sawtooth national forests.

David Bayles, Pacific Rivers Council public lands director in Eugene, Ore., said the suit follows a similar legal attack on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forests in northeastern Oregon and southwestern Washington last year.

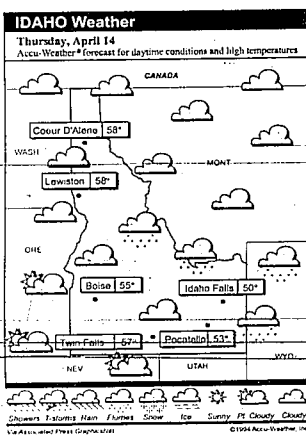
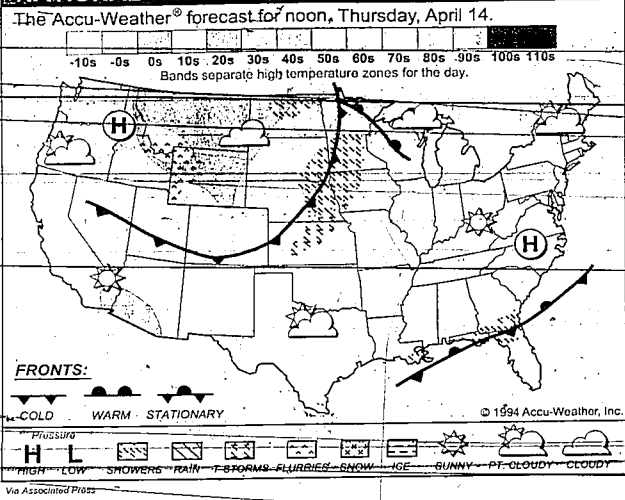
The groups won that lawsuit. U.S. District Judge Malcolm Marsh ruled that the Forest Service must consult with the fisheries service on the impacts its long-range forest plans would have on salmon. Marsh blocked future projects but said those already announced could continue.

Both sides in that suit appealed Marsh's ruling. They made their case on the appeals last week before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Weather

NATIONAL Weather



Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-50s. Light winds. Tonight clear. Lows 25 to 30. Friday sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today mostly sunny. Highs around 50. Tonight clear. Lows 15 to 20. Friday sunny. Highs in the mid-50s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday partly cloudy. A few mountain showers west. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s to around 70. Sunday mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows 30 to 40. Highs 60 to 70. Monday mostly cloudy and cooler. A slight chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Highs 55 to 65.

Pollen count

175: juniper, mountain cedar, maple, cottonwood; moderate

Courtesy Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Visible planets

**Morning: Jupiter, Mercury
Mars, Saturn
Evening: Venus**

Rain dampens Northwest as storms, wind batter East

The Associated Press

Torrential rain that flooded parts of the Midwest moved into the East Wednesday with drenching thunderstorms, hail and strong wind.

Rain and some snow also fell in the Northwest. Mostly fair weather prevailed in the rest of the country.

Showers and thunderstorms stretched from northern Florida into southern New England. Rain also moved through the Ohio and Tennessee valleys, causing some flooding. Clouds stretched from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast.

Melting snow from higher elevations across the Northwest helped swell rivers and creeks already bloated by rain. Flood watches were posted Wednesday for parts of New York.

Canyon

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Mary Gaylord of the federal Bureau of Land Management and Howard Kestice of the Idaho Department of Lands.

Qualls owns the land where motorcycle daredevil Knievel unsuccessfully jumped the canyon Sept. 8, 1974. The government owns land on the other side of the canyon.

Knievel's jump brought chaotic biker crowds and left behind extensive property damage to the city.

"Community impact would probably not be anything like what happened in 1974," Just wrote in Wednesday's letter.

Mark and Brian "seem to be at least semi-serious about the event," he wrote. "And it has some positive aspects with it, since they seem to have a fairly large audience and will likely get a lot of other media coverage, at least in the California market."

Mark and Brian's morning radio

show also is heard on stations in San Diego; Portland, Ore.; Las Vegas, Reno, Nev.; Fresno, Calif.; Bakersfield, Calif.; San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Palm Springs, Calif.

A couple of years ago, the pair started in a short-lived network television series called "The Adventures of Mark and Brian."

Just and Hempleman said they have not been contacted by Robbie Knievel since he visited Twin Falls in September.

Robbie, Knievel's son, has said he wants to try the leap himself "a rocket ship." But the younger Knievel has not said when or how he would attempt the leap.

Five years ago, Michigan balloonist Dick Roberts floated across the canyon aboard a tricycle tethered to a hot air balloon. Roberts then referred to himself as "Evil KaDink" and cut his hair white and blue cycle the "Skytrike."

House

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away so it can continue developing on the Boone House's site on Pole Line Road.

Anderson got the house for free but paying for the move.

Part of Anderson's \$50,000 cost is payment to Western State Moving of Nampa, which rolled the house on a series of dollies towed behind a tractor-trailer truck.

One of the tricky spots was the base-five points intersection, which was congested with power lines, traffic signals and a railroad crossing.

The next problem came south of Rock Creek where the house traveled up a slight grade. A second tractor-trailer truck was brought in, but its power train blew out.

That didn't stop Anderson.

"We hooked up two Ford pickups. There was a little scrambling, but we got it moved," he said.

Western State movers estimated the house weighs 217,000 pounds - or roughly the weight of 145 dairy cows.

"Maybe it's a little heavier than that. We did hook up a truck trying to tow it," Anderson said.

Still, he said he's happy he's getting the house.

"The average person wouldn't go through this. But I never do the easy way," he said.

THIRTEEN network news from Idaho Power Co. to disconnect the street lights and power lines along the street to make way for the house cost \$1,000 an hour.

The house is on the National Register of Historic Places. The new site is in another place - Anderson Lane, 2.5 miles south of the East Five Points intersection.

"It's a beautiful house and it just looks like it belongs out here," he said.

Carrots

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doubled in the past three years. Now about 5 percent of U.S. adults take the supplements.

The latest study - though not conclusive proof of harm - is certainly noteworthy. It is the first in a well-timed Western country to look at the long-term effects of high doses of beta carotene. In this project, 29,133 older male smokers who lived in Finland took beta-carotene capsules, vitamin E or dummy pills for five to eight years.

When it was done, the beta carotene users had 18 percent more lung cancer than did the others.

It is possible that the finding was a fluke, even though the odds of this were calculated to be one in 100. Furthermore, it could turn out that the results would be different in nonsmokers, or that somewhat lower doses could have an effect on other types of cancer.

"When the study began, we wanted nothing more than to prevent cancer. It's a good example of the idea that science is not always highly predictable," said the cancer institute's Dr. Demetrius Albanes, the study's principal author.

Many foods contain beta carotene, the vegetable form of vitamin A. It is especially common in deep yellow, orange and dark green vegetables and fruits, such as peaches, spinach and yams. Typically, Americans consume 2 or 3 milligrams of it daily.

In the study, they got 20 milligrams a day, or 10 times the usual amount. It was enough to turn people's skin yellow in some cases. A typical beta-carotene pill sold in a drugstore contains 6 to 15 milligrams.

While big population surveys have shown that people who eat lots of fruits and vegetables are healthier, beta carotene might not be the answer. Experts say other substances in these foods could be helpful.

Until now, there has been no hint that beta carotene is harmful; either consumed in the relatively low amounts contained in food or when taken in capsule form.

On the other hand, officials at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration would not approve any health claims made by vitamin sellers, noted there has been little rigorously gathered evidence to suggest high doses are safe, either.

"This trial is pretty strong evidence that we have not shown a benefit," Deputy Commissioner Michael Taylor said. "This is the best study we have had so far on antioxidant vitamins."

Beta carotene is one of a class of nutrients, including vitamins C and E, that are thought to protect against cancer and perhaps heart disease by soaking up dangerous oxygen molecules called free radicals.

"Does this mean people should stop taking vitamins?" asked Dr. Charles Hennekens of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "It does not mean they should stop, but the previous data did not mean they should have started."

Gunshot fatal to Butte youth

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) - An 11-year-old boy died Wednesday, a day after being shot in the head by an angry classmate on a crowded elementary school playground.

A 12-year-old boy fired a .22-caliber pistol three times Tuesday, set over an argument the previous day at the school, police said.

Jeremy Bullock was standing next to the intended target about 10 feet from the shooter as pupils waited for classes to begin. Jeremy, a fifth-grader, died at St. James Community Hospital.

A youth court judge ordered the shooting suspect held at a psychiatric center pending further investigation. His name was not released because of his age. The boy's parents were with him.

Deputy County Attorney Brad Newman said the boy, a fourth-grader, is too young to be charged with murder, but could be charged with being a delinquent youth.

Fish

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A lawyer for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund said the suit against the Idaho forests departs from the Oregon action because it targets both forest plans and specific projects.

"On the Umatilla and Wallawalla Whitman, we focused on the forest plan level only. This lawsuit has the forest plan level but it also focuses on the site- and project-specific level," said Kristen Boyles, an associate attorney for the fund in Seattle.

Ihor Merszczak planning staff officer Nez Perce in Grangeville said Tuesday that the forest staff has been consulting with the fisheries service on its projects, watershed by watershed.

As a result of the consultations, Merszczak said, the Nez Perce has about 45 million board feet of timber on hold that had been planned for sale this year. Another 11 million board feet has been cleared for sale.

The earlier lawsuit's impact on the Wallawalla-Whitman and Umatilla forests appears to be slight so far, said James Riley, executive vice president of the Intermountain Forest Industry Association in Coeur d'Alene.

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Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are:

6-14-17-22-45; Powerball 35 (six, fourteen, seventeen, twenty-two, forty-five; Powerball thirty-five).

Estimated jackpot: \$4.1 million.

BOISE (AP) - Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Tri-West Lotto game are:

1-6-8-17-29-30 (one, six, eight, seventeen, twenty-nine, thirty); Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million.

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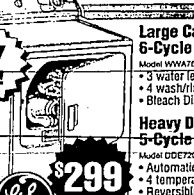
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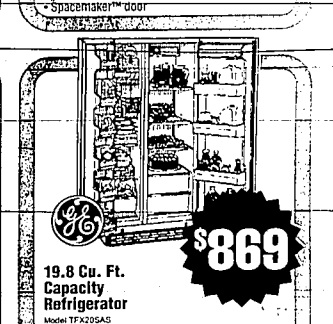
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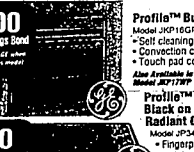
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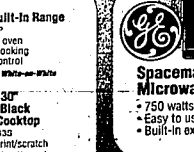
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World

Briefly

Russia produces small-neutron bomb

LONDON — Russia has produced a miniature neutron bomb using the mystery substance red mercury, according to a British television documentary broadcast Wednesday.

However, the program didn't resolve the question of whether there is such a thing as red mercury. Many experts are skeptical, despite persistent reports that it is available on the black market.

Yevgeny Kornelov, a former Soviet nuclear physicist, and some unidentified nuclear experts are quoted as saying the miniature neutron bomb exists — and several said the technology is being sold to non-Russian states.

Sam Cohen, the American inventor of the neutron bomb, said the documentary confirms his own view that Russians have used technology to create a tiny neutron bomb used in Moscow — Gummy burst into the apartment of a reputed crime boss and killed the man and his wife in bed, the latest murders in a mob war that has broken out in the Russian capital.

Criminal gangs have flourished in the chaos that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, and gunbattles, car bombings and assassinations have become nearly routine as "mafia" groups carve up their turf.

Mobsters have elbowed their way into Russia's emerging business world, killing dozens of businessmen last year and extorting millions of dollars through protection rackets.

Scientists find traces of early primates

NEW YORK — Scientists exploring a Chinese quarry found what could be the earliest known member of the family of monkeys, apes and humans, part of a fossil trove suggesting Asia was a cradle for early primate development.

The quarry was likened to a "Garden of Eden for primates" by one expert because its fossils show a variety of early primates from about 45 million years ago.

"People tend to think of Africa as being the center of origin of this group," said Mary Dawson, co-author of a report on the findings.

Primates include monkeys, apes and humans as well as other animals such as lemurs and tarsiers.

Some of the fossils found were from the early member of the monkey-ape-human family, a monkey about the size of a mouse. They included three jaw fragments with teeth, some toothless jaw fragments, about a dozen isolated teeth and parts of elbow and ankle bones, Dawson said.

Sir John Gielgud turns 90 years old

LONDON — Sir John Gielgud turns 90 today, basking in fresh praise for playing "a poor, infirm, weak and despised old man."

That certainly doesn't describe an actor still in firm command of his craft, as Gielgud has demonstrated this week in a new radio production of "King Lear."

His performance on BBC Radio last Sunday of Shakespeare's tragedy marked the fifth time Gielgud has acted the mad and mournful "Lear."

But if Britain is raising a toast, from critics and colleagues to Prime Minister John Major, Gielgud himself plans no party. Of his longevity, he says only that it is "a most satisfactory feeling, like beating the tax man."

Compiled from wire reports

Israel sees grim future in 2nd suicide bomb



A wounded Israeli woman is given first aid from bystanders.

Rebels press offensive in Rwandan capital

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Government troops and rebel soldiers traded artillery fire and fought street-by-street in downtown Kigali Wednesday as Tutsi rebels pushed to capture Rwanda's capital.

A midday ceasefire was shattered in the afternoon by mortar fire and gunbattles. By nightfall, five mortar rounds were falling each minute during a battle for a building near parliament and the capital was anarchic. Mobs of marauding youths roamed in commandeered cars.

The U.N. Security Council was to meet behind closed doors later Wednesday in New York to consider putting its 2,500 peacekeepers on of the Central African nation, where a weeklong ethnic slaughter has left an estimated 20,000 dead.

"Foreigners have nearly completed their exodus, emptying Kigali of almost all but international relief workers and the battling government troops and Tutsi rebels."

As many as 20,000 mainly Tutsi fighters of the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front began moving into the city Tuesday, reinforcing small groups already in the capital. A fragile cease-fire between the Hutu-

dominated army and the Tutsi rebels fell apart in the ethnic fighting that followed the president's death in a plane crash last week.

A joint International Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders convoy of nine vehicles carrying two surgical teams and 25 tons of medical supplies reached Kigali from Bujumbura, the capital of neighboring Burundi. Later Wednesday, the Red Cross began feeding Rwandan refugees in Kigali.

HADERA, Israel (AP) — An apparent suicide bomb claimed by Islamic opponents of Israel-Palestinian peace talks ripped through a bus jammed with soldiers and civilians Wednesday, killing six people and wounding 28.

Senior officials warned that two such attacks in a week could mean the start of a gruesome pattern that would be difficult to combat. Militant Islamic groups vowed they would carry out at least three more suicide bombings as revenge for the Feb. 25 Hebron mosque massacre.

Officials reacted quickly to try to reassure the Israeli public, whose support for the peace talks is largely based on the belief they will bring security inside Israel's pre-1967 borders.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent more troops to seal off the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank, where authorities believe the bomb was constructed, but said he would continue with peace talks even in the face of future attacks.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad have come to the conclusion they have to strike inside Israel because the dividend is Israeli opposition to the peace process," Rabin said in remarks broadcast nationwide.

"The real answer is to show an agreement can be carried out and there will be a different reality."

The morning explosion at the central bus station in this coastal city midway between Tel Aviv and Haifa reverberated across the country at the start of an extended holiday weekend, when Israel first mourns its 17,955 war dead on Remembrance Day and then celebrates its 1948 creation on Independence Day.

Police said they suspect a West

Bank Palestinian either rigged the explosives to his body or carried them in a bag and ignited them after climbing in the back door of the public bus, which stops repeatedly on its route from Tiberias across the country to Tel Aviv.

A second bomb left on a bench outside the bus was timed to go off at 11 a.m., when crowds swarmed nationwide for two minutes in memory of the war dead and virtually everyone stands at attention. It was exploded harmlessly by police.

Bus passengers said someone outside had noticed an abandoned black bag, suspected it contained a bomb, and was yelling at the driver to move the bus when the bomb inside the vehicle went off.

Blood, flesh, glass and burning metal flew in all directions.

Suddenly there was a roar, I felt things hitting me from all sides," said Rachel Muallam, 50, from her hospital bed.

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'Squatland Yard' dramatizes homelessness in housing glut

LONDON (AP) — Just up the road from the House of Parliament and directly opposite New Scotland Yard, a group of homeless people have defied the law by taking over an empty apartment building.

"This place has been empty for 18 years and yet the government is still leaving people on the streets rather than open up places like this," said Sooty, one of 80 squatters living in Artillery Mansions, a complex of 400 apartments.

A High Court judge Tuesday granted the owners an eviction order, though he said he sympathized with the plight of the occupiers.

The saga of "Squatland Yard," as

the newspapers call it, dramatizes the fact that Britain has far more empty homes than homeless people, and the difficulties of getting the two together.

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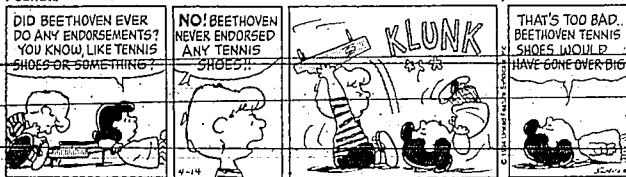
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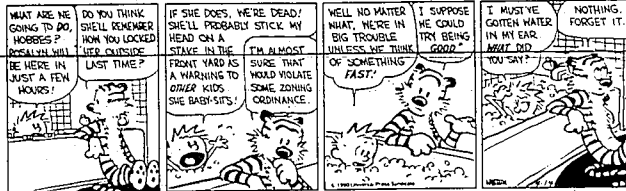
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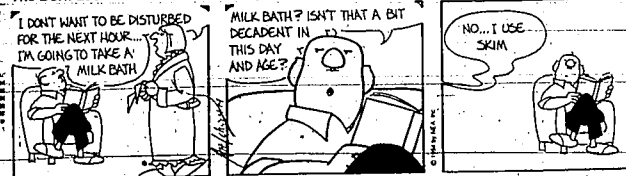
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The Born Loser



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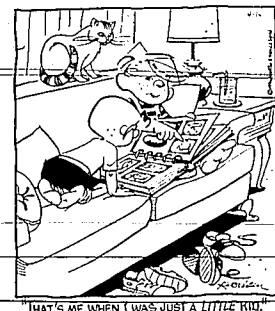
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Dennis the Menace

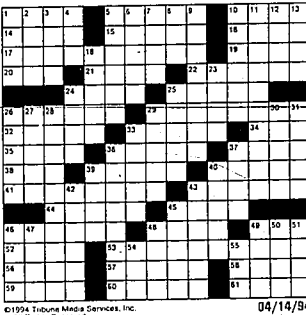


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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF APRIL 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are analytical, a natural writer and psychologist, you revel in clash of ideas and you exude a subtle kind of mystery. You are independent, not afraid of controversy, you will fight when cause is right. Current cycle highlights variety of experiences, travel, marital status, possible addition to family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on greater freedom of thought, action. You'll feel alive, vital, dynamic and capable of doing anything you might wish to achieve. Scenario features trips, visits, inquisitive relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Terms will be made very clear — avoid self-deception, see situations as they exist. Moon position highlights finances, ability to increase income, location of lost art.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Judgment, intuition accurate — heed inner voice, take initiative in getting to heart of matters. All steps out on creative project. Time is on your side.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Spotlight on style, travel, communication, strong relationship. Writer fulfilled in dramatic fashion — don't pull your punches! You'll win friends and influence people. Aries involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set pace, stress independence, originality. Focus on career, unique honor bestowed by special organization, community. Young person says, "You are my role model!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Family members pull you in two directions: support, stability. Maintain emotional equilibrium. Property dispute settled in your favor. Professional superior falls short of proposed mark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Dispute settled, harmony restored, you'll be asked to referee — say thank you but no thanks. Focus on freedom of thought, writing, publishing, distribution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Moon position emphasizes secret hiding places, additional information concerning possible inheritance. Another Scorpio plays featured role, has these letters initials in name: D-M-V.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're on solid ground despite what some persons say. Maintain confidence verifies views, lends impetus to possibility of overseas journey. Virgo involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accent color, harmony, music, art, design. Domestic adjustment relates to marital status, lifestyle, possible change of residence. One who threatened lawsuit turns out to be a bluff.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar position emphasizes personal magnetism, inspiration, sex appeal. Define terms, practice to be a part of "herd." Pisces person comes up with money-making idea — legitimate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Those who thought you were not capable of being practical are in for surprise. You'll be concerned with basic values, issues, future financial prospects.

Good reason for selling dozens

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Q. Why are so many things sold by the dozen instead of, say, ingroups of 10 or maybe 14?

A. Probably because 12 can be divided evenly in so many ways by 2, 3, 4 and 6. If you routinely sleep fewer than six hours a night, researchers say, you're probably more efficient than those nine-hour dozers in your family. Let them know.

Half the Americans over age 55 have no natural teeth left.

You know how your body jerks sometimes when you're falling asleep? The technical name for it is "hypnagogic myoclonus." Pretty complicated, no? Not very. Latin linguists say it means "twiches while falling asleep."

It was in the England of 1831 where fine military minds first found out that soldiers ought not march to cadence across bridges. Especially suspension bridges. Some did. And rhythmically tore the bridges apart. But that wasn't the only thing fine military minds did that year. One of saint Louis Philippe, founded the French Foreign Legion. And gave honored duty to renegade riflemen from all over the world.

The Frederikshall Cave in Norway goes down so far its depth is hard to grasp — 11,000 feet. World's deepest.

If somewhere around your scatter you have an old pill with the family name painted on it, could be you've got an antique. Such containers once were used in bucket brigades of volunteer fire departments. And owners painted their names on them in the hope of getting them back.

What we call cowbirds go where the cattle are. Cowbirds is their new name. They used to be called buffalo birds.

Glutinous action in pregnant women releases a secretion called relaxin. It lets birth canal fibers stretch. And incidentally the ligaments in the foot arch, too. So feet of expectant women flatten and spread, doctors say, and the women can't figure out why their feet got bigger.

Opinion

Editorial

Thank's to mall's bosses for letting the house survive

Hauling a 100-ton stone house down Blue Lakes Boulevard Wednesday was an impressive feat. But that technical accomplishment would not have been possible without the patience of the Magic Valley Mall's management, which delayed expansion plans in order to save the historic structure.

The community owes a thank-you to mall manager Don Chandler and to Fund A, the Utah investment company that owns the mall.

Public discussion of moving the 76-year-old Boone House began last summer. The house could not stay where it was, because the mall planned to put up new stores on the house's Pole Line Road site.

The first idea was to move the house across Blue Lakes Boulevard to become the new home of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce visitor center. But moving and remodeling costs proved prohibitive.

So, in January, the house went on the auction block. Mall management said if it wasn't moved by March 15, it would have to be torn down.

But no one bid. Apparently, the cost and trouble of moving the house scared off any interested parties.

The next idea was for the Jerome Historical Society and the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum to take the house. That concept was

fascinating, if only because it would have generated the amazing spectacle of a stone bungalow crossing the Perrine Bridge.

But the historical society could not raise the necessary cash — despite the mall's offer to kick in \$5,000.

Car dealer Bob Latham Sr. briefly revived the idea of moving the house to the visitor center site. He offered \$20,000 to help the project, but chamber leadership deemed the project impractical.

Meanwhile, March 15 came and went. Chandler fudged the deadline and held back the bulldozers.

Finally, Twin Falls contractor J.C. Anderson agreed to take the house and move it to a lot south of town, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. He says he plans to live in it.

The long-awaited move finally took place on Wednesday — nearly a month after the mall's stated deadline. The glacial promenade down Blue Lakes interfered with traffic and utility service for most of the day, but the house's preservation was worth the inconvenience.

Many of the visual reminders of this community's history have perished in the path of progress, but the Boone House will have a new incarnation. Hats off to Anderson for rescuing the house, and to the mall for postponing the future long enough to save a piece of the past.

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Letters

Way to go Jerome Tigers!

Fourteen years ago when I retired, I left my beloved New York Yankees and Mets to go to Jerome, Idaho, a year to claim me. Obviously, it did. And my bride from Jerome, whom I courted in New York City, rested easily now that she was back home.

I have thrilled to the Jerome Tigers, especially the year they won state basketball and football and held Twin Falls, Ok. here.

So you see, I am a hometown fan whenever I am. To quote an old song, "I love the girl I am with." Jerome's major league baseball team is the Atlanta Braves. Probably the Braves belong to the whole Magic Valley.

New I offer The Times-News this idea — no charge. You absolutely should have more complete (you really have none) coverage of the Braves. For instance, Ryan Klesho reminds me of Charlie "King Kong" Keller of the late '30s Yankees. Yes, I saw them all from '27 on. You cover Magic Valley well — oh, fairly well. I suggest you contact the Atlanta Constitution and have it keep a column or two about the Braves for you. Work something out, you guys. The lovely Cynthia Tucker, political editor, is the only one I know there. You've seen her on CNN and McNeil-Lehrer. I'm sure she could pass your inquiry along.

As for my fellow sports fans in the Magic Valley that are captives to the Braves (happily, these past three years), let's here it from you all.

Just another 74-year-old boy of summer.

ALAN E. MARKS
Jerome

Recent editorial missed point

The editorial recently published regarding the caning sentencing of American youth Michael Fay by Singapore authorities misses the point.

Whether or not we Americans favor corporal punishment should not be the issue as it is not for us to decide in this case.

We do not think like Oriental residents or authorities because we are not confronted with the problems of governing such huge concentrations of people as represented by an archipelago in Singapore. There are more people in that small locale than in our whole state of Idaho. To rule with anything but a firm hand

would be disastrous. As it is, people can be and are on the streets at any time of the day and night with no fear of confrontation by criminals of any kind. There is no room for smart-aleck behavior, juvenile or otherwise.

From the viewpoint of one having lived in Oriental cities and countries, it is as sensible that Americans electing to reside in these lands keep in mind that their actions/behavior must be in keeping with the image we wish others to judge us by, as we are American ambassadors above all.

Had the Fay boy's parents instilled in him the same discipline that he is a visitor but still subject to local law and its penalties, perhaps this series of incidents may not have occurred.

Our sympathy may be with the Fay boy, but the punishment for acts such as his is intended to be non-habit-forming and his conduct was indeed wrong. For the authorities to relax the caning sentence would water down the local law enforcement efforts to an unacceptable level.

HANK JOHNSON
Jerome

'Trap, kill plan' bad

Regarding the article about the Fish and Game Department's "trap and kill" plan:

Here is another prime example of how too many of its (and other entities') programs are derived from anthropocentric views of non-human species and our natural environment.

The Fish and Game official said that "this is what a lot of people said that 'who? Who else would give a hoot about the pheasant population other than hunters who get a thrill from killing pheasants themselves?' It is a bizarre (not to mention sexist) irony — man is going to kill animals to save the animals that the predators kill for survival so man can kill for sport.

"This 'problem situation' of the hunt-and-kill process by foxes, skunks, wild cats, raccoons and other predators is a link in the natural food chain — nature's call. Should they honestly be punished for it so the members of Pheasants Forever will have something to shoot?"

It is infuriating. And not just of me but to many others. I've been speaking with who feel their blood pressure rise at the thought of these animals being fright-

ened, tortured and killed with painful poisons and traps — especially for such bogus reasoning.

DANIELLE SCHEER
Jerome

Thanks Denise Turner

To Denise Turner — Many thanks for sending us the article you wrote on our upcoming tour to Sun Valley. As well, we appreciate the news about our school tour, "Shakespeare."

We are extremely eager to see how our September performances work out, and with your kind words of encouragement, things will go smoothly!

PETER LEBLANC
Director of Marketing
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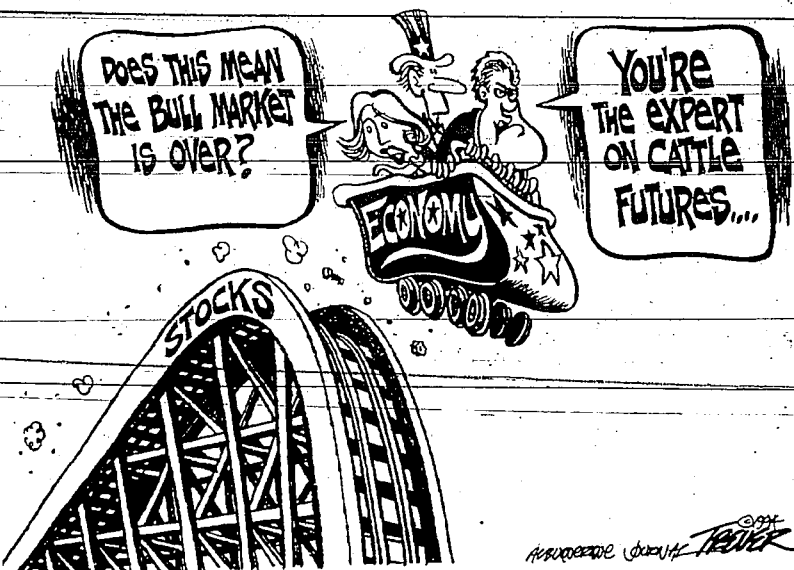
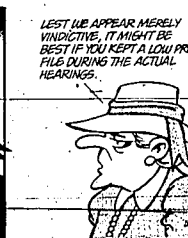
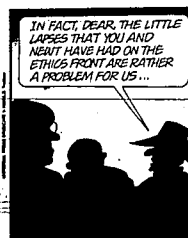
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We look forward to hearing from you!

Doonesbury



Ketterling's accusations were erroneous

We, the Minidoka County Education Association Executive Council, wish to respond to Randy Ketterling's letter in which he made several erroneous statements concerning our association.

Mr. Ketterling accused the MCEA of "unprofessional and explicitly wrong" tactics. Just because he disagrees with what we have done does not make it wrong or unprofessional. We feel he acted unprofessionally when he called an MCEA executive out of the classroom during the school day to vent his anger over the "no confidence" vote.

The MCEA agrees with Mr. Ketterling that the superintendent does not act alone. May we suggest, however, that several wrongs do not make a right.

Mr. Ketterling is trying to convince others and himself that the MCEA is dishonest. The state association, this is totally untrue. The MCEA Executive Council was approached by many employees asking for our help and demanding a vote of no confidence be taken. We then went to our Idaho Education Association representative for advice on how to proceed ac-

Reader Comment Gary and Jeneal Mecham

cording to correct procedure. We have followed correct procedure. We are not orchestrated by the IEA. We are being orchestrated by the needs of the employees we represent.

Yes, there is a negotiated grievance procedure between the MCEA and the School Board. However, there is no part of that agreement which "forbids" us to do what we are doing, as Mr. Ketterling claims.

He also claims that not one grievance has been filed by any teacher under the negotiated agreement. He, himself, seems to be ignorant of the grievance process. A grievance starts at the lowest possible level and continues through the ranks until it has been resolved. The fact is that the Minidoka School District has had grievances filed. Perhaps the School Board needs to be more informed by the administration about these grievances.

We ask all of you who have been quietly ob-

serving to recognize the mind-set of at least one former board member whom we have had to deal with. We want you to know a few pertinent facts:

- We are frustrated with expressing concerns and being told they are just petty.
- Effective and excellent employees are changing employment because of "real or perceived" intimidation.

- Approximately 90 people have volunteered to inform the ethics investigator of their concerns, fears and bad treatment in this district.

- Because of the MCEA's efforts, a mass walkout in several schools was averted.

Finally, we would like Mr. Ketterling to know that since his departure, the MCEA Executive Council has met with Mr. Bishop and the school board in a productive work session.

The MCEA is dedicated to the education and well-being of our children. We will continue to work toward that end.

Gary and Jeneal Mecham are co-presidents of the Minidoka County Education Association Executive Council.

Taxes levy on invested time

Four score years ago, when Americans first paid federal income taxes, only 357,598 had incomes high enough — \$3,000 — to be taxed. They all had to sign their returns under oath in the presence of a government official, and the government audited every return.

In 1913, as soon as the 16th Amendment was ratified, empowering Congress to tax incomes, Congress imposed a tax of 1 percent on incomes between \$5,000 and \$20,000, with a 6 percent surcharge on higher incomes. But the next year the Balkans were heard from. There was an assassination in Sarajevo, war came to Europe, eventually America came to the war, and by 1919 there was a top rate of 77 percent and the threshold for taxation had been lowered to \$1,000.

"War," said a great American radical, Randolph Bourne (1886-1918), "is the health of the state." War also may have been the death of Bourne, who was a casualty of the influenza epidemic that raged in the war's final year. But he was right: Nothing matches war-making as an expander of government's control of society's resources and individual lives.

But no one nowadays sings of the democratic joy of all participating together in paying, for example, the peanut program. Hence the charm in this tax season of the "A to Z Spending Cuts Plan" proposed by Reps. Rob Andrews, D-N.J., and Bill Zeliff, R-N.H.

Taxation is a moral, not just a material, preoccupation because money is time: Taxes are a levy on the time we invest in being productive. Will the levy increase? The Clinton administration says federal spending as a percentage of gross domestic product will hover around 22.4 percent — historically high, thanks to the Bush administration. However, the Clinton projections rest on three risky



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assumptions.

They are that interest rates will remain where they were before they recently began to rise; that between now and 1999 there will be no recession to trigger increased government spending in a shrinking economy; that defense spending will decline faster than the world will permit. Hence the administration is, as Peter Brimelow writes in *Forbes*, "like a family that assumes — on rather thin grounds — that the breadwinner is going to get a big raise and the landlord is going to cut the rent."

Regarding defense spending, it is instructive that this year's mid-April tax time coincides with the U.S. intervention as an active military participant in a civil war in the Balkans, probably on the losing side. U.S. aircraft are bombing Serbian forces because the secretary general of the United Nations, who seems to have acquired custody of NATO, had decided to do whatever is necessary to relieve another city in a nation not one American taxpayer in 10,000 could locate on an unmarked map.

Eighty years after the Balkans and the income tax first began complicating Americans' lives, war is the health of the United Nations, with interesting consequences for American sovereignty, and American taxpayers.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Woman claims coverup over charges against Clinton

In a coffee shop, pen in hand, tape recorder at the ready, across the table is Paula Jones, the 27-year-old former Arkansas state employee who has leveled charges of sexual harassment against Bill Clinton—charges so graphic, and so impressively corroborated, that I suspect they'd dwarf Whitewater in the public mind. If the media would ever decide to pay attention.

Small and pretty, Jones sports a warm smile and thick accent. Beside her is her earnest-looking husband, Steve, whom she met four years ago, on a rainy western dance evening in Little Rock. He's busy trying to restrain their 20-month-old son, Madison, from exploring the neighboring booth. The Joneses moved to California a year ago, and they still give the sense they're from somewhere with a slower pace.

Today, they're frustrated. They've agreed to meet with me because the Washington Post, to which they granted an exclusive on Paula's story, has published nothing. "The Post has sent reporters down to talk to all my family and friends, to check out everything about my story and look through my whole life," says Paula. "It's been weeks since the couple's first contact with the paper. So why haven't they printed anything?"

As last one of the journalists on the story apparently shares her concern. The Washington Times recently reported that Post staffer Michael Isikoff was suspended after a shouting match with National Editor Fred Barash. "Two sources at the paper said Isikoff was upset because he thinks the Post is burying his findings about Paula Jones's sexual harassment charges," according to the Times.

We're not spiking anything, protested the Post's managing editor, Robert Kaiser. "We have an obligation to the Post's readers to do our best to establish the truth."

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not simply print damaging accusations the moment they are made." Paula Jones isn't buying. "It's a double standard," she complains, contrasting the wall-to-wall coverage of Anita Hill's story with the black hole into which her own allegations disappeared almost as soon as she aired them at a Feb. 11 news conference in Washington. Sen. Bob Packwood, the alleged Oregon masher, would be one happy senator if his female accusers were even genetically ignored by journalists and professional feminists as Paula Jones has been.

Let me pierce the veil of non-coverage by summarizing Jones's explosive charges: The date, May 8, 1991, while working as a hostess at a state management conference in a Little Rock hotel, she was approached by an Arkansas trooper who told her the governor would like to meet with her. When she got to his room, she says, Clinton started making sexual suggestions, eventually exposing himself and asking for oral sex. She left as fast as she could and told her story to a couple of friends, who have submitted affidavits stating, (Clinton "does not recall meeting," responded the White House.

Why did she wait three years to go public? "I was nervous and confused—and I felt dirty and humiliated," she tells me. Besides, who was there to complain to? The police? "Remember, it was a state trooper who took me to Clinton's room."

What finally prodded her to tell her story, she says, was the claim by that state trooper, reported in the Los Angeles Times and the American Spectator, that a woman named "Paula" had said she'd be available to be the governor's girlfriend. "That

was not true—my friend knew how shaken up I was by the incident with Clinton. I had to clear my name."

Is money a motivation? If it were, "We'd be doing the tabloid TV shows and the talk shows," says Steve. "But all we want is to get the truth out—that's why we gave the story to the Post and hoped they'd do something."

In fact, the Joneses may be taking a financial risk, because Steve, who works in customer relations for an airline, is also an actor. The possibility of being blackballed for an industry that Jones Clinton hasn't escaped him.

On May 8, the statute of limitations will lapse for any civil action based on the alleged harassment. Jones's lawyer has approached some big-name trial attorneys about possibly taking the case if she opts to sue Clinton. But the Joneses haven't made up their minds, and during my interview with them their debate continued. Paula seems edgy about becoming a high-profile focus of controversy— "What if somebody wanted to hurt us?"—but Steve delivered what may end up being their deciding sentiment: "Clinton is the son of a bitch."

In the meantime, full and fair coverage from the Post—or elsewhere in the "prestige" media—may yet come. But as Mickey Kaus's article in the March 7 New Republic explains it: "Clinton is ... the best president we've had in a long time. That is the unspoken reason the sex charges haven't received as much play as you might expect. Reporters are patriots, too; it's their dirty little secret."

Spiking. It gives new meaning to "Stop the presses."

Harold Johnson is an editorial writer for The Orange County Register.

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Rules that stop at the Capitol steps

Bradley Cameron

Congress is getting that sinking feeling again. Public mistrust, already at an all-time high, is growing. Members of Congress are seen as a self-appointed imperial class, out of touch with the concerns of Main Street Americans.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the application of employment and labor laws. While private-sector employers operate under a growing tangle of regulation, every new law written to further strap their businesses includes the same provision: an exemption for Congress.

In fact, Congress has stuck this provision into the major labor and employment laws from the beginning. When recently asked why, House Speaker Tom Foley's response was simply, "I don't know how you can set up standards other than serving at the pleasure of the member."

Most employers, who are not able to operate under the same luxuries, question the double standard. They believe Congress should live by the same laws it passes for everyone else. In particular, they argue that the laws affecting their businesses would be better written if they also applied to those who write them.

While concerns in Congress remain that executive branch enforcement

could bring fines and disruptions from hostile bureaucrats or political rivals, businesses face these problems every day.

The double standard must end. So long as the rules and regulations imposed on private employers stop at the

Capitol steps, Congress will remain distanced from the laws it passes, and public mistrust of what it believes is an imperial Congress will grow.

Bradley Cameron is vice president for public affairs of the Employment Policy Foundation. He wrote this column for the Washington Post.

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'Your moment is at hand' now?

The message this visitor from Washington brought to the young people at last weekend's meeting of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL) was barely better than a cliché: Your moment is at hand.

But it happens just now to be the truth.

I've been meeting for years with the IOPL classes, in part because the executive director, Walt DeVries, is an old friend and in part because these people are such stimulating company. Many have cut their teeth already as community activists or campaign workers. They apply for the IOPL classes—mostly skill training in how to win public office—at the point when they are ready to make a larger commitment of time to the public sector.

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stibility of governing, because no one else is going to be around to do it."

But among these two dozen politically conscious folks, eager to embark on possible careers in public service, only seven or eight threw out the names of people currently active in politics they saw as role models. The choices they mentioned struck me as good ones, ranging from conscientious members of the North Carolina congressional delegation to some of the lone suggestion of President Clinton. It was the effort it took for them to come up with names that was worrisome.

Afterward, over a beer, several of them pressed me again for names of the people I have covered and admire, and I stand throwing out some examples, while assuring them that my list was much longer than they wanted to hear.

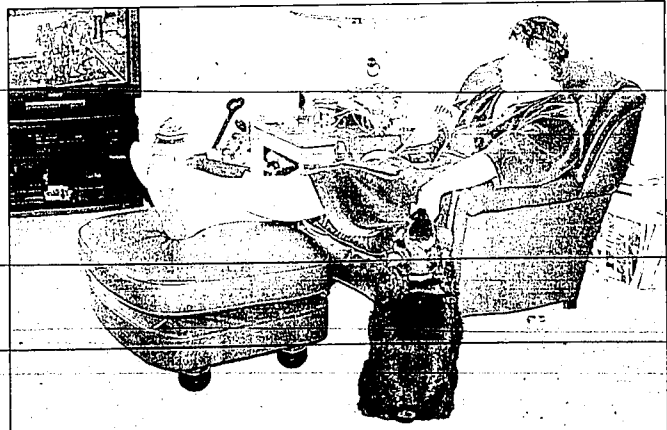
And then, one of them asked, "Why don't we know more about these people?"

A good question. The answer, I'm afraid, is at least in part a reluctance on the part of reporters to allow our respect for many of the people we cover to creep into our copy. We are urged, properly, to keep our distance from the people we cover—emotionally and politically. I have joined in—and sometimes led—the denunciation of social chumminess between journalists and public officials.

But journalistic detachment does not require blanket disparagement of those who work in politics and government. Shutting our eyes to skill and competence and principle in public life is not good journalism; it's missing an important part of the story.

Turning over rocks is part of a reporter's job. But we don't have to throw rocks at everyone in public life. These young people deserve as much as we did—to

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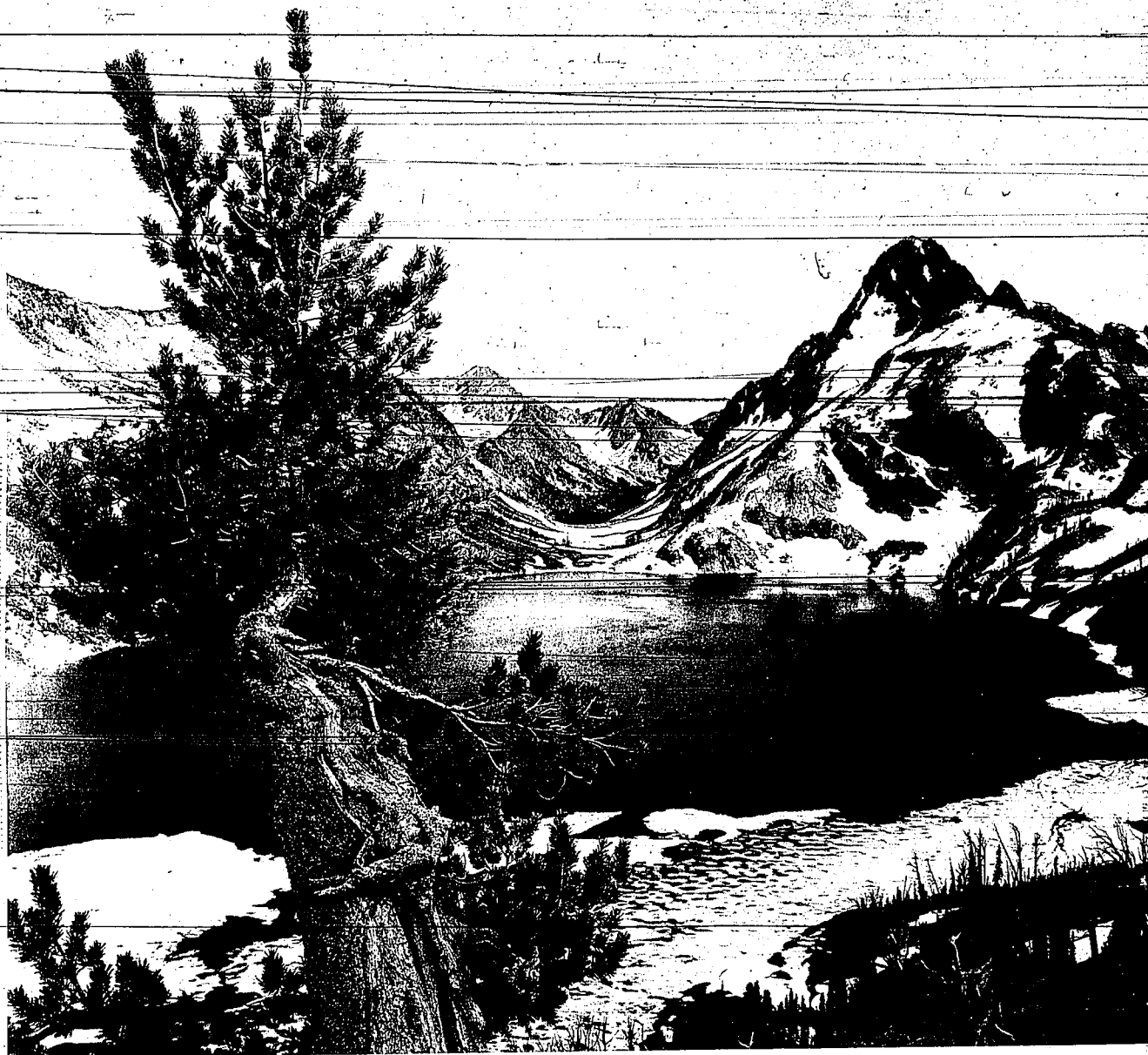
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Around the valley

O'Leary principal diagnosed with cancer

TWIN FALLS - Exploratory surgery revealed Wednesday that O'Leary Junior High School principal Judy Dobbs has Hodgkin's lymphoma, a treatable form of cancer.

Dobbs, who has been principal at O'Leary for two years and headed the alternative high school before that, is at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

"We are confident and hopeful he can get some treatment and get back here," said O'Leary vice-principal Judy Watson, who is filling in for Dobbs. "We all miss him."

Dobbs, 35, has been nagged by a persistent dry cough for about three months, Watson said. A recent chest X-ray revealed a "mass" in the chest area, she said.

The family is relieved that the cancer is a form that can be treated with a high degree of success, Watson said after speaking to Dobbs' wife by telephone Wednesday night.

Ventriloquist policeman receives presidential award

GLENN'S FERRY - Idaho State Police Cpl. Rich Willis is no dummy.

In fact, the ventriloquist-policeman is one of 50 law enforcement officers receiving an award for community policing about 11 a.m. from President Clinton at the White House today.

The award ceremony is part of a series of events to urge passage of Clinton's crime bill, ISP spokesman Rick Owens said.

The White House asked police agencies from each state to nominate an officer involved with the community. Willis received Idaho's nomination because of his program to teach children about using seat belts, Owens said.

With the help of a dummy named Crash, and by mixing humor and information, Willis has taught children the importance of buckling up.

The program has been so successful, that the ISP got a grant to buy six more dummies, and Willis trained six more officers to teach the kids, Owens said.

Willis, 48, is the ISP resident officer in Glenn's Ferry. He joined the ISP in 1972.

Canyon rim advisory committee meets tonight

TWIN FALLS - A canyon rim advisory committee will meet tonight to review a 1970s study of the Snake River Canyon and discuss efforts to increase public participation in the preparation of a canyon rim master plan.

The public is invited to the 7 p.m. meeting at the Obenchain Building meeting room at 264 Main Ave. S.

Twin Falls Mayor Gale Kleinkopf appointed nine city residents last month to advise the development of a master plan for the Snake River and Rock Creek canyons. Development along the canyon rims has been stalled by a 120-day Valentine's Day moratorium imposed by the City Council.

Jerome school-board member gives up position

JEROME - After six years on the Jerome School Board, Robert Bingham has decided to give up his position.

"I'm just not able to put in the time required, which I regret," Bingham said.

During his term of office, a kindergarten center and the Horizon Elementary School were built. The board dealt with split sessions at the Middle School until the elementary school could be financed and built.

An election for zone 2, the southwest section of the School District which includes a portion of Gooding County, will be May 17. The new board member will be sworn in during the July board meeting.

Candidates must file their declaration for the position by 5 p.m. April 15 at the district office. If only one candidate files for election, the clerk declares the candidate elected and no election will be required.

Regional transportation board meets today

TWIN FALLS - A regional transportation board will meet today to develop an outline of the area's public transit needs, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting, which will last from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Health and Welfare building on 601 Pole Line.

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Curryopolis returns to county agenda

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A proposal to zone large tracts of farmland south of Curry Crossing for residential subdivision is back on the county planners' agenda.

The county planning and zoning commission will consider a proposal tonight that would establish a residential-agricultural zone in three square miles between Curry Crossing and Highway 74.

Public comment is welcome on the zoning change, which will be considered at a 7:30 p.m. hearing tonight at the county office building, 246 Third Ave. E.

Three months ago, the planning commission tabled a proposal to zone 10 square miles south of Curry Crossing for residential subdivisions.

County residents opposed the measure on three counts:

• They said the county did not need 6,400 acres for subdivisions.

• They said the county could not add that many new homes to its present infrastructure.

• They said new subdivisions would harm agricultural interests.

Tonight's proposal, like the one presented three months earlier, is the work of County Zoning Administrator Lee Taylor.

Taylor said the planning commission examined the area and looked for places that already had high concentrations of homes. They found such an area in a vertical swath of three square miles one mile east and three miles south of Curry Crossing, he said.

"To save a lot of fuss, they decided to go with these three and see how it fills in," he said.

The county still needs a new residential-agricultural zone to provide residents with an area they can move to outside of any city limits without having to own at least 20 acres, county officials said.

Just north of Curry Crossing is another request for a residential-agricultural zone.

That request is being made by K-Tek Inc., on 60 acres at approximately 21360 Highway 20, about 20 miles west of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

K-Tek would maintain existing commercial zoning on the 660-foot wide strip bordering Highway 30. The remaining land would be used for subdivisions, Taylor said.

The planning commission also will consider a series of changes to county zoning ordinance No. 21.

The proposed amendments and deletions include zoning definitions, items that need conditional use permits, designated land uses, and special provisions for temporary hardships.

A copy of the proposed changes can be obtained at the county zoning office at the county office building.

At the end of the meeting, Taylor said he expects Bill Chisholm, an independent candidate for county commissioner from Buhl, to

ask the planning commission's support for a moratorium on building in the county.

Chisholm wrote to the commission last week asking to put such a moratorium on tonight's agenda, Taylor said.

"We said only the (county) commissioners have the authority" to enact a moratorium, Taylor said.

Also on tonight's agenda:

• David L. Flew's request to divide 1½ acres at 4349N 1200E to his son for a homestead.

• William Pereira's request to divide in half 10 acres to sell for profit near the Bliss Bridge.

• Leonard Owen's request to divide 17.6 acres at 1546E 3900N in Buhl, selling 10 acres of that to his son.

• Gary Meyer's request to divide in half 5 acres at 1413 Spring Rd. in Buhl to build an additional home.

• Emma Clark's request to deed 1 acre of 115 acres she owns at 3225N 1000E to her grandson.

Kindergarten-center idea draws raves, criticism

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two Bickel Elementary first-graders having difficulty reading began spending time in Betty Shannon's kindergarten class earlier this year.

One of the students has caught up with his peers; the other is showing "a lot of growth," Shannon said. That kind of interaction won't happen if her school is turned into a kindergarten-only center during a district-wide student shuffle next school year.

The idea of turning the aged Bickel school into a kindergarten center took another beating from parents and teachers Wednesday night, but not before several teachers spoke in favor of it.

The school district is actively considering three options for redrawing district boundaries to accommodate the new Oregon Trail Elementary that will open in the fall. The fifth of six meetings to gather public comment drew about 40 teachers and parents to Bickel Wednesday night.

The final meeting is at Morningside Elementary today from 6 to 8 p.m.

The first option keeps students at the schools closest to their homes, but buses about 250 students who now walk to school. Transportation costs - \$70,000 - are highest under this option, and some parents objected to children crossing Blue Lakes Boulevard.

The second option, and seemingly the most popular among parents at the meeting, requires the least amount of student shifting, and allows some students to continue to school. It also carries the lowest busing price tag at \$10,000.

The third option, busting all of the district's 580-plus kindergartners to Bickel, would cost about \$60,000 and an additional \$30,000 for remodeling. It would save about \$70,000 by eliminating the need for a lunch program at Bickel, according the district.

The pros and cons of putting all those 5- and 6-year-olds on buses dominated debate for much of the evening. Several parents said kindergartners are not ready to spend



Bickel student Alex Arrington sits quietly as his mother Konna, a teacher at the school, disagrees with Morning-side parent LaDawn Farnworth, right, at Wednesday's redistricting meeting.

an hour or more riding a school bus without older siblings to help them; others pooh-poohed those concerns, pointing out that many Twin Falls kindergartners already ready to take daily bus rides.

Splitting up families and asking parents to give time to two schools also concerns Debbie Wildman, a vocal opponent of the kindergarten-center idea. She said people she has spoken to after previous meetings have opposed the plan about 2-to-1.

School board member David Sass, who lives within Bickel's boundaries, said the district's job "is to do what is best for the

children's education. Convenience of the parents is secondary."

Sawtooth Elementary kindergarten teacher Tapani Stanley said what little research she could find on kindergarten students "proves they need to be with older children."

A University of Utah education course syllabus says it is inappropriate to group all kindergartners together, Stanley said.

But the idea is educationally sound, argued Bickel teacher Kathy Uhrig. She and other district employees visited a successful kindergarten center in Blackfoot recently. The center allows kindergarten teachers to

pool their resources and provide innovative programs, supporters say.

Parent Bobette Parsons questioned the reasons for discussing the kindergarten center.

"Where is the evidence that this educationally superior? If there was no school, would we even look at starting a kindergarten center?" she asked.

Although she said she has no bias for or against the idea, Parsons added that the idea should be thoroughly researched before consideration. "The kids are being short-changed here."

Jerome man facing felonies takes own life

The Times-News

JEROME - A sixty-year-old man, who had been charged with 47 felonies earlier this week, took his life with a single gun shot to the head.

Charles Lewis Andrus had been charged with grand theft during the 11 years he was employed as a gasoline delivery-truck driver for Jerome Gas and Oil.

Andrus had driven his truck into a driveway behind Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, where he fired the fatal shot. An employee at the funeral chapel found Andrus and called city police to investigate the death, Police Chief James Dahl said.

Funeral plans are pending.

Clinton's volunteers en route to Twin Falls

By Maria Stafford
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Volunteers may be able to contribute to local community needs as President Clinton's new federal volunteer program makes its way to Twin Falls.

"It sounds great," said Ruth Unger, Sawtooth Chapter manager of the Red Cross. "I think it would be something really worthwhile because there is usually a lot of competition for funds out there."

Clinton signed AmeriCorps into action in September.

To help local agencies tap into the volunteer program, the Idaho Commission for National and Community Service will hold a

public meeting 7 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho's Shields Building.

"We need to hear directly from the people about the top issues and concerns in their communities," said Judy Oudekirk, executive director of the commission.

Under the National and Community Service Trust Act, each state was mandated to form a 20-member bipartisan commission to nominate volunteer projects to receive money from Washington to pay volunteers' expenses.

AmeriCorps, a program similar to the Peace Corps, gives volunteers the opportunity to become involved community service while making money for school.

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Perot supporters few, far between at local meeting

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Ross Perot got a Texas-sized slice of the Idaho vote when he ran for president in 1992, but his organization attracted a pit-sized audience when it met in Twin Falls Tuesday night.

Eight Perot-backers showed up for a nine-county regional meeting, including Perot's handpicked state director, who flew in from Boise.

And low turnout isn't the only problem facing United We Stand America-Idaho Inc. in the Magic Valley. Since its formation last summer, the organization has been unable to find an area coordinator in Twin Falls County, despite the presence of 6,043 local voters who backed the Texas billionaire in 1992.

Regional director Latham Williams asked UWSA members Tuesday how they can "get this organization reinvigorated."

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about, nothing to get behind" since 1992.

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Police know chase suspects

By Phil Sahm
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls police say they know well the three juvenile suspects who led an officer on a chase after three car thefts early Tuesday.

"It's the same names over and over and over," said Lt. Jim Kistler. "They've been behind the (detective) division several times."

Detective Dave Heidemann said the three youths - two age 15 and one age 14 - are "suspected in numerous car thefts the past month. They've also been suspects in house and car burglaries, Heidemann said.

Two of the teens were arrested Tuesday morning in a Nissan pickup stolen from Wills Toyota at the 300 block of Shoshone Street, according to a police report. The 15-year-old driving the truck escaped, and had not been caught by Wednesday afternoon, although police say they know who he is.

The three started the crime spree around 1 a.m. Tuesday by stealing a \$25,000 Dodge van from Latham Motors on Second Avenue South, according to the police report. They ditched the van at the 500 block of Washington Street.

Between 2 and 3 a.m., a lot videotape machine recorded the three smashing the windows of four trucks at Wills Toyota, the report stated. Shortly after 3 a.m., they stole the Nissan truck.

Please see SUSPECTS/B2

Counties start to oppose government

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The campaign toward changing Idaho county government for the first time in a century is being undermined by fires of rebellion among the nation's counties.

The leader of Idaho's federation of counties has launched a near guard action against a proposed constitutional amendment to let voters to pick what kind of government structure they want.

As Idaho Association of Counties president, Fremont County Sheriff Terry Thompson has won a unanimous vote of southeastern Idaho members on Friday to oppose the amendment.

Passed by a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, the proposed amendment still needs voter approval in November. Advocates maintain Idaho's 104-year-old Constitution hampers local government because it prescribes one structure for a county as large in population as Ada or as small as Camas.

But Thompson said the amendment will supplant elected county leaders

with appointed bureaucrats.

"You go out on the street and you ask Joe Blow Citizen how he feels about losing the right to vote for his clerk, his treasurer and he'll say, 'He's right,'"

They wait a minute, I'll fight you over that," Thompson said.

Amendment backers counter Thompson's fears are either misplaced or self-inflicted.

"Frankly, the people who, in my opinion, in county offices who are opposed are opposed because they're afraid of losing their own job," said Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kent Just.

In fact, the county association endorses the amendment and its lobbyists were crucial to legislative passage. Lawmakers put off the potentially divisive details until next year. If voters pass the amendment, the 1995 Legislature will decide how many options to put on the table.

Among the ideas suggested are expanding the size of the three-member

county commission; appointing or electing a county executive, or consolidating county offices such as treasurer or auditor.

Local voters would have to approve any changes in a special election.

"There's no end to the creativity that you could come up with," said State Rep. Jim Hansen, D-Boise, who has been pushing the idea for three years.

With the measure now before the voters, county officials are having misgivings; Thompson said. He has received calls from northern to eastern Idaho.

"In the first place, I don't think any one thought it was going to go this far,"

He wants to reverse the association endorsement. Although the counties will not meet until September, he will raise the issue with the executive board on Friday.

Bonneville County Commission's two Republicans, Clifford Long and Lee Staker, oppose it.

Hiring aliens not a crime, attorney says

By Barbara Newert
Times-News Correspondent

KETCHUM — Farm workers, nannies, hotel help, landscapers, river guides and shepherders are some of the jobs for which Idaho businesses recruit foreign labor.

While it is a federal crime — punishable by up to \$250,000 in fines — to hire an illegal alien, hiring aliens with temporary or permanent work permits is legal, said Carlos Recio, immigration law attorney from a Washington D.C. law firm.

Last year about one million people immigrated legally, he said, and there were 20 million "visitors."

There are three ways to immigrate: through family sponsorship; through job sponsorship; or as a refugee.

Once an immigrant has obtained a "green card," or permanent residence, he is allowed to live and work in the country permanently.

A green card holder does not, however, have the right to vote, sit on a jury or be buried from some federal and state jobs. He or she can be deported, Recio pointed out.

After three to five years, the green card holder can become a natural-

ized citizen of the United States.

All workers in this country must pay state and federal taxes, Recio said. Social Security tax can be waived if it can be shown the alien has a temporary work permit.

Hiring aliens can be beneficial to both the employer and the foreigner, Recio said. By obtaining an exchange visitor visa, businesses such as summer camp programs and individuals seeking nannies can bring in students to work at low wages in exchange of cultural exchange, Recio said.

"An official work visa can also be obtained for aliens who come to the states for temporary, skilled work."

This type of visa is most often used for agricultural and construction workers and is good for only two years.

To qualify, an employer must demonstrate that he tried unsuccessfully to hire American workers. In addition, the job must be temporary.

"It's my view that it's too easy to get a temporary labor visa," Recio said.

He predicts that union pressure will ensure that the Clinton administration will enforce regulations on the books.

Death notices

Clarence Wells

GOODING — Clarence (Bud) Wells, 86, of Gooding, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Esther O. Blei

TWIN FALLS — Esther Opal Blei, 93, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at the Curry Retirement Center near Curry.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Dale Mergler officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Walter M. Prince Jr.

JEROME — Walter Mack Prince Jr., 69, of Jerome, died Sunday, April 10, 1994, in Idaho, Calif.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Day Central Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Interment will

follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Services

Charley Easton, of Prosser, Wash., and formerly of Paul, 11 a.m. today, Rupert United Methodist Church, (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Alfred R. Larsen, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Joyce M. Nichols, of Richfield, graveside service 11 a.m. Friday, Richfield Cemetery, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Doris M. Rice Moore, of Gooding,

graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Helena B. Edwards, of Burley, memorial service noon Saturday, St. James Episcopal Church, 2000 Oakley Ave., Burley, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Eusebio (Sam) Damian Saras, of Shoshone, memorial graveside service 2 p.m. Saturday, Shoshone Cemetery, (Demary's Bergin Chapel in Shoshone).

Released

Mary K. Bryan, Joan Erickson and Larry Jones, all of Burley; Dorothy Burton of Doctor; Laura Vicensio of Heyburn; and Tammy Whitesides of Twin Falls.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Burley; and to Mr. and Mrs. Sean Whitesides of Twin Falls.

MENIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Wendy Krauthelm, Sylvia Huber and Lester Lee, all of Rupert; Robyn Lafauence of Heyburn; and Guillermina Avila of Murtaugh.

Graver Newman, Shelby Hayden, Rolla Zorner and Ora Lapreal Urigen, all of Rupert; and Salud Castro of Declo.

A son was born to Abel and Guillermina Avila of Murtaugh, and a daughter was born to Wendy Krauthelm of Rupert.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted

Lucy Cochran and Lois Hazen, both of Twin Falls; Joseph Baumgartner of Jerome; Lillian Black of Wendell; Lea Jankelm of Burley; Amy Jensen and Mary McDevitt, both of Burley; Robert Stanger of Hansen; and Peter Wilson of Shoshone.

Released

Tiffany Dille of Twin Falls; Taci Boyd of Shoshone; and Hazel Huffaker of Gooding.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted

Christina Hall and Rex Welch, both of Burley; Denise Kelsey of Doctor; Thos Marr of Rupert; Eric Reyes of Hazelton; and Jan Weed of Heyburn.

Obituaries



Faye A. Silbaugh

JEROME — Faye Agnes Silbaugh, 80, of Jerome, died Monday, April 11, 1994, at the Wood River Care Center in Shoshone.

She was born March 3, 1914, in Oklahoma, the daughter of Arthur and Alice Clark. They moved to Jerome when Faye was a young child. Faye attended school in the Idaho and Buhl areas. She married Frank Silbaugh on May 19, 1932, in Jerome.

They lived in Jerome and Buhl until the Silbaughs' retirement in 1977. They moved in Jerome, where Frank still resides. They had 10 children.

Faye is survived by her husband of Jerome; two sons, A.W. Silbaugh of Canyon County, Calif., and the Rev. Ron Silbaugh of Sacramento, Calif.; seven daughters, Joan Henderson of Jerome, Alice Miller of Salmon, Verla Fisher of North Fork, Roberta Frazier of Rochester, N.Y., Lila Rossen of Salmon, Hazel Edeon of Chonoway, Wyo., and Linda Hall of Mosquito, Nev.; 37 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and three sisters, Lene Mae Billman of Mountain Home, Mable Lamb of Twin Falls and Roberta Harrison of Boise. She was preceded in death

by one son, a brother and her parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Ron Silbaugh officiating. Burial will follow at the Snake River Memorial Cemetery in Jerome. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Wood River Care Center, Wheel Chair Garden Fund, P.O. Box 8, Shoshone ID 83352.

Theodore E. Sandmeyer

BUHL — Theodore Ernest (Ted) Sandmeyer, 50, of Buhl, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl.

He was born Aug. 21, 1903, in Ellettsburg, Wash., to Ernest and Emma Valis Sandmeyer. They moved to Buhl in 1906, and Ted graduated from high school there in 1921. He attended the University of Idaho for several years before returning to the family farm southeast of Buhl where he worked until he retired.

He was a member of the Idaho Wheat Growers and several Idaho Livestock Associations. He was on the board of the Magic Valley Hospital and the North West Behavioral Society. He was recently honored by the Buhl Rotary Club with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Edna Sandmeyer of Grand Teton; three nieces, Mrs. Ron (Jill) Contradson of Janesville, Wis.; Mrs. Jerald (Patricia) Kammerer of Oak Park, Ill.; and Mrs. (Annette) Blacklock of Big Fork, Mont.; three grand nieces, and one grand nephew. He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Farmer Funeral

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Chapel in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call until 5 p.m. on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Esther M. McCoy

TWIN FALLS — Esther Marie McCoy, 76, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 11, 1994, at her home.

She was born Aug. 9, 1916, in Placerville, Idaho, the daughter of Fred and Hilda Eckert Yunker. She moved to Jerome as an infant and attended schools there, graduating from Jerome High School. She married Glen Albert McCoy on Oct. 7, 1935, in Burley and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1984. Mrs. McCoy had lived in the Magic Valley throughout her life.

She was a member of the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 82, Ladies of the Nile, Boccacut Club and the Zenobia Club of Twin Falls.

She is survived by two sons, Fred McCoy of Twin Falls and Harold McCoy of Castro Valley, Calif.; one daughter, June Ann Hall of Twin Falls; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Yunker of Gracioso, Calif., and Warren Yunker of Emmett; and three sisters, Millie Griggs of Emmett, Ruth Miller of Roseburg, Ore., and Helen Trull of Seward, Alaska. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one son, Norman McCoy.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 1994, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Dale Mergler officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Magic Valley Staffing Service, Hospice Division, P.O. Box 1625, Twin Falls ID 83301.

Some schools dropping state lawsuit

By The Associated Press

The Meridian School District got a \$2.3 million return on its \$75,000 investment in the state's school-funding lawsuit, so trustees have decided to drop out of the case.

Meridian, with more than 17,000 students, is the largest of more than 40 districts that sued the state for more money. A new funding distribution formula approved by the Legislature this year, combined with \$92.5 million in new money, satisfied both sides.

"It was our position that the state formula for funding districts was not equitable," board Chairman Wally Hedrick said Tuesday. "We felt a

lawsuit was the only way to get lawmakers to review the formula and the financial pressures facing districts statewide."

Other districts suing for different reasons may continue with the lawsuit unless the state comes up with more money for school construction. Officials in the Moscow, Whitepine and American Falls school districts say they plan to pursue the legal action. Most others are still considering what to do.

Meridian contends that the way the state has distributed money to schools was inequitable because it did not adequately narrow the spending gap created by different property-tax values across the state.

Perot

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"Politics and government doesn't work that way," Thompson said. "A third-party candidate is a damnable form of government to get a grip on and its going to take a while to get it straightened out."

UWASA Idaho is pushing hard to get a limit initiative on the November ballot, and they're committed to opening up Idaho's state government, Thompson said.

Earlier this year, UWASA lobbied for campaign reform in Boise, but was rebuffed.

"We were not greeted with open arms," he adds. Thompson says 10,000 Idahoans have joined UWASA Idaho and he predicts their voice will eventually be heard in the capital.

Former Idaho State Democratic Chairman Mike Wetherell said he's not surprised that Perot's people are struggling to maintain momentum.

"Third-party candidates are a phenomenon that seldom outlive the personality of the individual candidate," Wetherell said. "Despite all the talk and the dissatisfaction, this is still basically a two-party country, with a number of independents who keep both of the parties honest."

If Perot doesn't run for President in 1996, Wetherell predicts his base will continue to decline.

Randy Staphius, author of the 1994 Idaho Political Almanac, said Perot captured 27% of the vote in Idaho because of his maverick image.

"He's an independent, rugged, made it by himself kind of person

who stands up to Washington and shouts down the power interests. That's the image. Whether that's reality or not is another issue."

It's unclear whether UWASA Idaho can be a major force in this state without Perot barnstorming the country. Platt Thompson, the UWASA Idaho says Perot could start barnstorming America via radio within the next month. But he doubts Perot will seek the presidency again.

Thompson asked Perot about future presidential aspirations before he accepted the Idaho job. He says the Texan told him, "Life has rules, business has rules, sports have rules. Platt, it's the only thing I ever did that didn't have any rules, and I hate it."

Volunteers

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fiscal accounting," Oudekirk said. This includes being able to match federal funding with local funds. These stipulations would rule out some newer and smaller organizations.

"The way it's set up we're not quite in a position to qualify," said Kristy Webb, fund-raising chairwoman and board member of the 3-year-old Habitat for Humanity in Twin Falls. "We don't have the infrastructure — we don't have it."

"But I'm learning about grants and I think it's something we would pursue in the future," she said.

Another local organization has a different problem.

"I'm not sure how it would fit in because we're a church," said Captain Roger Dan, commanding officer of the Magic Valley Salvation Army. "It might get into conflict with separation

of church and state."

"But any time we can get help it's a good thing," he added. "I've got a list 50 volunteers, but only 10 are active," he said.

Davis says he can always use more volunteers to keep alive current programs in Twin Falls that include a hot lunch and youth and after-school programs. He said Salvation Army headquarters in Los Angeles are looking at the program now.

Approximately \$276,000 in AmeriCorps funds, and 20 educational awards, are available to Idaho. That would provide funding and volunteers for either one project or two small projects, Oudekirk said. Because of Idaho's small, spread-out population, Oudekirk says she doesn't expect more than 10 organizations to apply.

The commission will select four of these proposals to send to a national

pool where they will be evaluated alongside proposals from other states, Oudekirk said.

Under the plan, the federal government will pay for 75 percent of the operating cost of a project. Living allowances, child and health care are considered separately, with the government paying up to 85 percent of these costs.

Volunteers who work full-time for a year would qualify for educational grants of about \$4,725, a living allowance and free health care. There are also financial awards available for part-timers who fulfill a certain amount of hours.

"I don't know how it's going to turn out," said Oudekirk. "It's all so new."

Those unable to make next Monday's meeting can contact Oudekirk at 334-2270 for more information about AmeriCorps.

Suspects

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Police Officer Steve Collins saw two driving along the 100 block of Locust Street and noticed the pickup had no license plates and that its window was broken with part of the molding hanging down.

When the driver of the truck noticed Collins following him, he sped up, then pulling into a driveway in the 1700 block of Fourth Avenue East, according to the police report.

The driver fled, and Collins held the two passengers at gunpoint until Cpl. Dennis Rinchart arrived. Both teens were taken to the police station and given their rights. Collins stated in his report.

The two teens confirmed the identity of the driver to Collins and one admitted stealing a stereo, Collins stated. The two teens were released to the mother of one of the boys.

The driver, who escaped also was

listed as the suspect in a third auto theft around 5 a.m. Tuesday. In that theft, a \$23,000 Dodge pickup was taken from Latham Motors and wrecked, Heldenbrand said.

Prosecuting Attorney G. Richard Bevan said Wednesday the two teens were released because proving they war-

ranted being detained would have been difficult. In a county with scarce facilities for locking up juveniles, violent offenders are jailed first.

However, Bevan hopes when the new juvenile detention center opens, habitual offenders might be on the list of those who are detained.

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Valley life

Widow discovers old friend to be old fool

DEAR ABBY: My husband died last year at the age of 70. He and I were exactly the same age. In a matter of months, his best friend offered to do numerous jobs, like snow-plowing, moving rubbish, etc.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

When I asked him how much I owed him, he replied, "Oh, we can work something out." When I gave him a friendly hug, I soon realized that what he had in mind was not money. (He wanted more — much more.) To say I was horrified is putting it mildly, so I got rid of him and hired a neighbor. He was about the same age, nice appearing — a comical old fool — who started to make the same advances.

I am so disgusted now, I am afraid even to be pleasant to men. I would warn widows of all ages to be careful. You don't have to be young to have men come on to you.

— EDUCATED

SENIOR CITIZEN

DEAR EDUCATED: A friendly hug can be easily misinterpreted by both men and women of any age. My advice: Unless you know the person very well, let a handshake express your appreciation.

DEAR ABBY: I am employed full-time and work a minimum of 55 hours per week. My problem is that I am allocated only one hour a day for lunch — between 12 noon and 1 p.m. — during which time I must compete for highway and restaurant space with people who are obviously not working, retired

or on vacation. Coupled with this are waiting lines at banks, gasoline stations, post offices, dry cleaners, grocery stores and pharmacies.

Why are these people, who seem to have ample time, conflicting with my minimal time? I am not fortunate enough to have a spouse or parent to prepare my meals, run my errands, do my laundry or keep my car fueled; I must do these things during my lunch hour!

This is a simple plea for consideration: If you have all day — get out of my way!

DISGRUNTLED AND DELAYED IN DALLAS

DEAR DISGRUNTLED: The horde of people who seem to be "conflicting with your minimal time" are not necessarily retired or on vacation; they could be people — just like you — doing what most working people do on their lunch hour.

DEAR ABBY: With all the talk of the proposed health care, I

thought your readers might enjoy seeing this photocopy of the bill my mother received for my birth at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee in 1948.

Room and Board: 5 days\$33.75
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MRS. JACKIE SELDEN RILEY, AUBURN, CALIF.
DEAR MRS. RILEY: Your letter made me nostalgic. How well I remember the "good ol' days" — coffee was 10 cents a cup, rent was \$20 a month, and you could see a double feature movie for 25 cents (kids got in for a dime). Oh, those were the days, my friends!

Kids' weight may be parents' problem

Boston Globe

If you were to consult behavioral pediatrician Dorothy Greydanus because you think your child has a weight problem, you might be surprised at the direction his questions take.

Initially, Greydanus' goal is to figure out whom the weight is bothering: you or your child. It's his contention — and many professionals agree — that most of the time a so-called weight problem is a problem not for the child, but for the parents. It's understandable, of course: Our generation wholeheartedly embraces the notion that thin is best. So at the first sign of a chubby child, we jump to conclusions: She's going to be overweight all her life. She's unhealthy. She must be miserable.

Rarely are these conclusions valid, according to Greydanus and others. Consider that:

Children are prone to pudginess at certain ages, especially from 2 to 5, around 8 and again from 11 to 13. We see parents of 8-year-old girls going crazy because their girls are round," says psychologist Jane C. Conoley. "But they will thin out if left to their own devices," she says, adding that pudginess in childhood is not a predictor of overweight in adulthood.

There are exceptions, of course: Greydanus says about 5 percent of children are "extremely overweight" and will be all their lives. (Generally, professionals say a child is mildly to somewhat overweight if he is up to 20 percent above the recommended weight for age, sex and height; more than 20 percent is the beginning of mild obesity.)

Even a child who is mildly obese can be in good health, according to Greydanus.

Valley happenings

Addiction-ethics workshop planned

TWIN FALLS — A six-hour workshop on Addiction Counseling Ethics is planned for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Room 205 of the Canyon Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Cost is \$20 per person. Registration may be done in the Taylor Building Records Office. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 250.

Teaching fraternity schedules meeting

TWIN FALLS — Delta Kappa Gamma has planned its regular meeting for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Canyon Springs Inn.

A program on "Fashions of the Past" will be presented by the Twin Falls County Historical Society. Founder's Day and the Xi Chapter's birthday will be celebrated and future teachers will be recognized.

Mule Association's meeting Saturday

JEROME — The Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association's Plow Day is planned for Saturday.

A Glimpse Back at the Past is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the John Beuker Dairy, five miles west and one-eighth mile north of Jerome. All types of farming will be on display, and hayrides and wagon rides will be available. For more information, call Jim Miller at 324-7501 or Ed Kimball at 733-7985.

4th annual card party scheduled

GOODING — The Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 98 will host its Fourth Annual Dessert Card Party at 1 p.m. Saturday at the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall.

Pinchole and bridge players are invited. Cost is \$2.50 per person. For more information, call 934-4145 or 934-4356.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley, Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

2 scouts win awards

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Two young men from Twin Falls have completed the requirements to earn the Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. A court of honor to present the awards to Nick Arrington and Matthew Edgar is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS 13th Ward Church, 421 Maurice St. N.

Nick Arrington has completed the 21 merit badges required for the Eagle, plus 11 extra badges that qualify him for the bronze and silver palms. He has also earned a World Conservation Award. For his Eagle project, Nick facilitated the teaching of cardiopulmonary resuscitation to teachers at his school, the Adolescent Day Treatment Center. Eight teachers became certified.

Nick, 15, the son of Norman and Helen Arrington of Twin Falls, plays clarinet for the O'Leary Junior High School band. He will be on staff at Camp Bradley (Boy Scout Camp) during the summer and will attend Twin Falls High School as a sophomore in the fall. He has served in several positions with his Priest Quorum and holds the Qn My Honor religious award.

Matthew Edgar has completed 21 merit badges and a World Conservation Award. For his project, he built kestrel nests for the Forest Service.

Matthew, 18, son of Carl and Mary Edgar of Twin Falls, is a senior at Twin Falls High School, where he is a member of the Regional and All-State INEL Quiz Bowl teams for Idaho. He plays trombone with the high school pep band and marching band and plans to attend Brigham Young University in the fall.



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Mormons indeed love gelatin

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — An executive for Jell-O confirms what many Utahns — especially Mormons — have long suspected: The Salt Lake City market craves fruit-flavored gelatin.

But unlike the rest of the country, which favors red, Utah con-

sumers are partial to green. Lime Jell-O salads for decades have been a fixture at dinners thrown by the dominant religion's women's auxiliary, the Relief Society, and Mormons — who shun tobacco and alcohol — have notoriously sweet teeth.

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4:00-7:00-9:15

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Fly Fishers meeting set for next Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Fly Fishers meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 at McE & Ed's Pizzeria.

The guest speaker will be Judge Daniel Hurlbutt, who is presiding over the Snake River Adjudication. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Jack Nelson at 324-4240.

Environmental group calls for increased trout protection

KALISPELL, Mont. — The Biodiversity Legal Foundation of Colorado is asking for federal protection of the redband rainbow trout that populate pristine streams feeding into the Kootenai River.

The environmental group has asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the trout subspecies as endangered.

Foundation spokesman Jasper Carlton said the federal protection is necessary to "save the subspecies from eradication."

"Very clearly, we have a desperate situation, with a remnant Montana subspecies that we could lose," Carlton said.

He said the redband rainbow is suffering from competition with other trout species introduced into its waters and degradation of mountain streams by logging and mining.

Carlton's petition asks the fish and wildlife service to list the redband only in tributaries of the Kootenai River, both in Idaho and Montana. It notes that other Kootenai River fish, such as the bull trout and the white sturgeon, are also candidates for the endangered species list.

Idaho steelhead hatchery celebrates silver anniversary

AHSAHKA — Dworshak National Fish Hatchery's steelhead run hit its stride this week, as spawning operations there celebrate their silver anniversary.

It has been 25 years since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began spawning steelhead from the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

Hatchery workers spent Tuesday and Wednesday sorting through some 700 steelhead that had climbed the fish ladder from the river.

Going by the numbers collected during past years, the peak of the run is about April 5, said Jonathan Streufert, assistant hatchery manager.

The crew will collect 7 million eggs and sperm from the 3,500 steelhead for this year's operations.

More than half of the eggs, 3.6 million, will stay in Dworshak's tanks. Another 800,000 go to the Idaho Fish and Game Department's Clearwater Hatchery across the North Fork. About 1.5 million more head to the Magic Valley Steelhead Hatchery on the Snake River.

With this week's additions, Dworshak has collected more than 2,500 fish.

April typically ranks as the busiest month there. Streufert said he expects a total of up to 5,000 steelhead will be processed.

The hatchery was built to keep alive the steelhead run once it migrated up the North Fork. Dworshak Dam in 1973 sealed off the spawning streams.

Resort owner spies wolf roaming through grounds

LEWISTON — Warm Lake Lodge east of Cascade is usually a placid place this time of year, until owner Lloyd Glass saw a wolf trot by the window.

"We were just sitting in the lodge and it came right up to the front and then went on by over to the Dumpster," Glass said Thursday.

He reported the sighting to the Idaho Fish and Game Department, who in turn relayed it to a Forest Service wolf expert.

Rob Cordtz, the Forest Service's central Idaho wolf verification team leader at McCall, visited the lodge about six hours later. He said the tracks and other information led him to agree it was a wolf that passed by.

The wolf was around for about three minutes, Glass said, adding he enjoyed seeing the animal.

"It kind of makes the hair raise up. It's just exciting," Glass said.

"I was happy to see it but I just hope from this that they don't try to put any restrictions on us back here for some reason or other. We're just trying to run a lodge and make a living," he said.

"There will be none," Cordtz said. "I tried to guarantee tracks."

Ted Koch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery expert at Boise, said the sighting was exciting because Glass' call came so quickly biologists could follow up while the tracks were still fresh.

Short of having the wolf in hand, the Warm Lake sighting would qualify as a 95 percent sure thing, Koch said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The nasty tick cannot only make a pleasant outing uncomfortable but even dangerous to your health if a bacteria-infected one does the biting.

The warmer days of spring are beginning the tick season in Idaho and sportsmen should be aware of some simple rules to follow to avoid problems with these blood suckers.

The first rule is to avoid "ticky" areas if possible. The critter will crawl to the top of vegetation and drop or latch onto a warm-blooded animal as it passes by or brushes the vegetation.

Try to walk on roads or paths in the open. Sometimes this is not possible and I still remember a spring bear hunt in the Lochsa River drainage when my buddy and I were picking 10 to 15 ticks per day as we tromped through dense brush.

Even with constant checks, one remained attached to my partner and he had a large discolored area around the bite after it was removed.

The second rule is to wear light-colored clothing (so you can see the crawling ticks) and slippery fabrics.

Treating your exposed skin and clothing with an insect repellent containing 30-50 percent DEET will help discourage their attachment.

Conduct frequent tick checks, particularly in the hair, at the base of the skull, armpits and crotch.

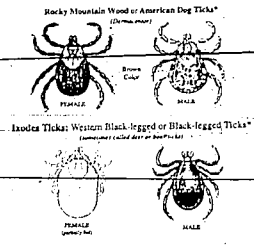
This may be a bit embarrassing but the buddy system works best for these checks.

Adults should examine their children closely after an outing where ticks are a possibility.

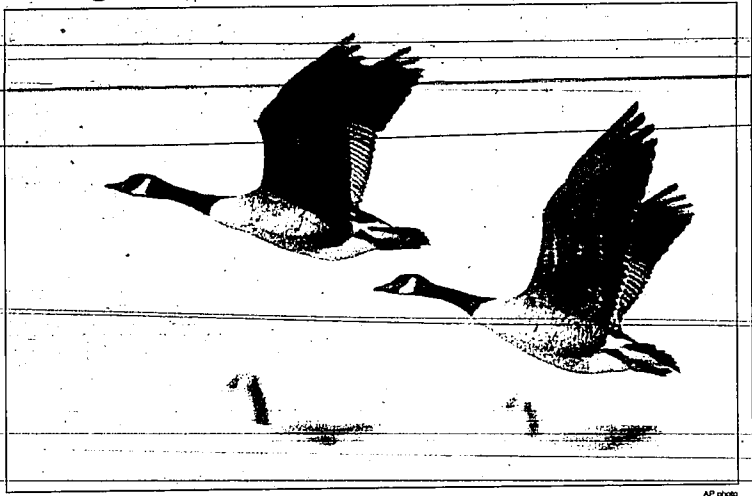
Finally, pull the ticks off immediately since the longer a tick remains attached, the greater the chance of having them inject disease organisms such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever or Lyme disease.

The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it gently with your fingers or tweezers and pull straight out.

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Going home



Thousands of Canada geese are migrating northward at this time of the year from their winter refuges in the United States to northern Canada. These geese are making a brief stopover in a marsh in Québec.

Alaska shares in Northwest's battle to save the Snake River salmon

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Alaska salmon fishermen question the justification for cutting back their catch to save a run thousands of miles away, especially when, by their calculations, it could involve the survival of as few as 14 fish.

The concern is over the depleted Snake River salmon runs and the failure to reach a salmon treaty with Canada. Fish-eries officials say reducing this year's catch in southeast Alaska may be one of the consequences.

SEATTLE — The National Marine Fisheries Service.

For that reason, the fisheries service has told Alaska officials, as it has told the Northwest states, that it will deal separately with each region's effect on the decline of the fall chinook. That run is one of three Snake River-salmon stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

"So that's about one-quarter of 1 percent, and that's in the neighborhood of something like about 60 (Snake River) fish on average in recent years." And of those 60 chinook, Seibel said, only about 14 would be expected to survive the return trip to their spawning grounds.

'It's hard to see how a coastwide chinook-rebuilding program can be successful without the Canadians participating.'

— Donna Darm, National Marine Fisheries Service

Bob Turner, Washington's director of fish and wildlife, said the farther the Snake chinook swims from its home waters, the greater the number of other salmon that must be left uncaught to protect the threatened species among them.

That means the fishing season might have to be reduced in Alaska as well as the Northwest, Turner said.

Such measures might be necessary mainly because of stalled negotiations on renewal of the Pacific Salmon Treaty between the United States and Canada. It means there is no coordinated, coastwide program to rebuild chinook stocks, nor is there any among Alaska, Washington and Oregon.

But it is hard to see how a coastwide chinook-rebuilding program can be successful without the Canadians participating," said Donna Darm, a top aide in the Seattle regional office of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Darm said the worst-case scenario would be a severe reduction in the southeast Alaska fishery, a prospect that doesn't sit well with many Alaskans.

"I guess it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to us, from a Snake River stock management standpoint, to focus on southeast Alaska by itself, especially because there is no treaty," said Mel Seibel, special assistant to Alaska's commissioner of fish and game. He works on Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations.

Seibel said more than 90 percent of human-caused salmon deaths of the Columbia-Snake salmon stocks are due to hydropower dams and just 5 percent are caused by fishing. And only 5 percent of that 5 percent is caused by the southeast Alaska fishery, he said.

The Snake chinook.

Last year, the southeast Alaska salmon catch was 3 percent above the danger level for the Snake chinook, so Alaska officials imposed mild limits on fishing dates and locations. If the Alaska catch goes 25 percent over the jeopardy level this year, it could trigger more drastic cutbacks.

As few Snake chinook as are caught in Alaska, that state is "expected to make a contribution" to preventing their extinction, said Gary Smith, senior regional director of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

"That's why we're trying to encourage folks to work together" on a coastwide basis to rebuild all chinook stocks, he said.

The fisheries service intends to decide next month whether and how to restrict the southeast Alaska fishery.

Sockeyes likely won't reproduce

The Associated Press

STANLEY — The sockeye salmon population in Redfish Lake should boom this summer, but biologists are expected to die without reproducing.

In June, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game intends to release more than 12,000 juvenile sockeye into four nylon net pens in the middle of the lake. The 16-foot by 16-foot pens will range in depth from 20 to 45 feet.

Under the plan, Fish and Game biologists will monitor and feed the fish in the pens throughout the summer and release them into the lake sometime in October.

The fish should spend the winter in the lake and migrate toward the Pacific Ocean next April.

Through the National Marine Fisheries Service has already approved the net pens, some modifications were made to the original plan, and NMFS will make its final decision on the latest proposal this spring.

Sockeye salmon have been listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Spring-summer chinook salmon were declared a threatened species. NMFS is the federal agency charged with restoring Idaho's salmon runs.

About 3,000 of the fish will be tagged so they can be tracked on their way to and from the ocean.

Historically, sockeye returned to Redfish Lake to spawn every summer in the tens of thousands. In the past few years, a total of 13 have made the trip to the lake. But even with the addition of 12,000 sockeye into the wild, officials estimate that only 0.2 percent or 26 of the fish will make it back to spawn.

"We'll have to do better than that," said Keith Johnson, a fisheries biologist for Fish and Game in charge of the captive breeding program. (NMFS has to improve the migration conditions. That's the bottom line," Merritt Tuttle, fisheries service chief in Portland, said the plan won't increase pressure to change the way the hydroelectric dams operate along the salmon's migration route to the Pacific Ocean. Those eight dams are believed responsible for killing up to 90 percent of the fish.

That's despite a recent ruling by a federal judge that NMFS and other federal agencies must do more to save the fish.

"I think the pressure is there regardless, even without the new influx of fish," Tuttle said.

To protect the fish as they grow in Redfish Lake, Johnson said restrictions on boaters will likely be increased.

"We're planning on putting a 50- or 100-foot no-boating buffer around the nets. And, of course, there will be no fishing (in the net pens)," he said.

The pens will be covered with a camouflaged material to protect the four-inch fish from predators, particularly birds.

Last summer at Redfish Lake, Fish and Game released 24 salmon raised from the sperm and eggs of fish caught migrating out of the lake in 1991.

The fish, equipped with radio transmitters, were believed to be sockeye. But one spawned last fall with a kokanee, a landlocked cousin of the sockeye.

For author, climbing mixes sport, the spiritual

Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Jeff Lowe very well could be a "numbers" climber — his list of accomplishments easily would permit it.

But if he seems just a little in awe of mountains, of rock walls, of frozen waterfalls, it's because "America's quintessential climber" has a vision. He views the life of climbing as far more than a checklist of summits attained, of ascent routes pioneered, of techniques refined, of records set.

"That takes on a competitive attitude," Lowe said, relaxing in his office on the third floor of a fraternity house in Boulder, Colo. "If you're just collecting numbers, the quality of the experience doesn't matter."

"Climbing is a cross between an athletic

or sporting endeavor and the spiritual. I hope it remains that way."

"I can see the time coming when I won't need to be out there in the upper pyramid of climbing, but the things you gain from a lifetime of climbing are worth communicating."

Lowe, 43, has written two books, "The Ice Experience" and "Climbing," and is finishing up a third, "Every Climber Has a Vision." To communicate the climbing experience and help promote the book, he has prepared a 1 1/2-hour, dissolve-image slide program with a musical background, and will present it Friday at the Irving Junior High School auditorium.

"Climbing is wildly diverse, ranging from the rock-climbing wall at the local health club to the cutting edge of major Himalayan Alpine ascents," Lowe said. "I start from my own experience, and try to

come to some type of understanding of the rewards each type offers."

Lowe's experience is expansive. It might be unparalleled in its variety.

He began climbing around Ogden, Utah, as a child, and with his father and brothers, had climbed the Grand Teton by the age of 7. He's been climbing on rocks, ice and snow ever since.

Lowe has more than 500 first ascents to his credit, and is among the leading Alpinists in the movement toward light and fast climbs on the most technically difficult routes up the world's highest mountains.

He's also generally considered America's premier ice climber, with pioneering ascents of some of the world's most classic ice test pieces.

Lowe had a major role in bringing World Cup competitive sport climbing to

the United States, and has been extensively involved in the design and development of mountaineering equipment and climbing gear.

"For me, one of the attractions simply is the variety of interests that climbing serves," he said.

"In the Himalayas, it's the traveling, the different cultures you experience, the friends you make around the world. On the wall in the gym, it's the feeling of fitness — it's more exciting than pumping iron, and motivates you to keep working out."

"Between those extremes, we have ice and traditional rock climbing. Ice climbing has its tools, and the learning of the craft. You're like a sculptor, working with medium ice. In rock climbing, un-

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Ticks

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If possible, apply alcohol or iodine on the wound to help kill any remaining disease organisms.

Contrary to common belief, removing them with heat, such as a burnt match or chemical, is not a good method. Removal of a tick must cause the tick to inject its disease-laden saliva.

Two things to remember are that most ticks do not carry spotted fever or Lyme disease and infected ticks must be attached at least six hours before they transmit the disease.

The tick goes through three stages in life — larva, nymph and adult. They are only infectious in the nymph and adult stages but even these can be difficult to see.

For example, the deer tick nymph, which carries Lyme disease, is so small that two could dance on the head of a pin.

The other common tick in this area is the dog tick, whose oval-shaped brown body is about 1/8-inch long. Symptoms of a disease after a tick bite may develop as soon as two or three days or up to a month later.

The main characteristics of Lyme

disease is a bulls-eye-shaped rash at the bite site. If this occurs, get to a doctor immediately so it can be treated with anti-biotics.

If this stage is missed, then Lyme's bacteria can develop in the body. If it has many symptoms, such as joint-pain similar to arthritis, headaches, mental problems, fever, etc. That makes diagnosis from other diseases difficult.

It is most important to inform your doctor that you've been exposed to a tick bite for them to consider the possibility of such diseases.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever cases have been reported for years in Idaho but Lyme disease has been relatively

Climbing

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dear to all, you really don't need anything — not even shoes. Somehow, that might be more artistic, but different aspects of climbing might appeal more to one type of personality than another.

For those climbing more of an art to writing and instructing, but still climbs regularly around Colorado. The Alps have been an area of particular interest in recent years, and he usually manages at least one trip to the Himalayas every year.

"My overall goal, one I've worked on for 20-plus years, is to do one of the longest, most beautiful,

most technically demanding rock-and-ice climbs on a handful of the world's highest peaks," Lowe said.

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An appropriate written response requires compliance with the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions and denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the Signatory, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

For determination of whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1994.
 ROBERT S. FORT, Clerk
 S. O'Brien
 Deputy Clerk
 PUBLISH: Thursday, March 31, April 7, 14, and 21, 1994.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, Idaho.

Probate Case No. SP94-272.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF INEZ IRENE MURRAY DECEASED PROBATE NO. SP 94-272.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the said decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated or C/O her attorney, Mick Hodges, at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 24th day of March, 1994.
 Maria Babcock
 Personal Representative
 196 Juniper North
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
 (208) 734-5680

DATED this 24th day of March, 1994.
 Mick Hodges
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 1195
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1195.

PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 21, and 28, 1994.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-94-0290.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MARY E. ADKINS also known as Maymo Adkins.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to MARY ELLEN MURRAY, Personal Representative, at 1520 Poplar Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1994.
 MARY ELLEN MURRAY
 Personal Representative
 of the Estate of Mary E. Adkins, deceased.
 PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 21 and 28, 1994.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

Case No. CV 90-1992.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 118, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. SITE, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the final and amended plat recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records to Twin Falls County, Idaho. Sometimes known as 133 3rd Avenue South, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 10th day of May, 1994, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock a.m. I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, said property to satisfy said judgment, together with all costs that have accrued. Said sale will be made at the County Courthouse St. N., Twin Falls, ID.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1994.
 Wayne Toulady, Sheriff
 PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 21 and 28, 1994.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

Case No. SP94-305.

NOTICE OF HEARING In the Matter of the Application of RHONDA MICHELE PAINE for Change in Name.

A petition by Rhonda Michele Paine, born December 19, 1957, of Twin Falls, Idaho now residing at Route 2 Casa Grande #1, filed Idaho proposing a change in name to Stormy Michelle Hawker.

Witness my hand and seal of said District Court this 4th day of April, 1994.
 ROBERT S. FORT
 Clerk

SUSIE O'BRIEN
 Deputy Attorney for Petitioner
 Jeff Stoker, Chartered
 P.O. Box 1597
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1597
 PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 1994.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP 94-328.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN SEEFRED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kathy Diane Tracy, Personal Representative of the Estate of John Seefred, at 717 7th Street, Rupert, Idaho, and also must be filed with the Court.

DATED this 31st day of March, 1994.
 Kathy Diane Tracy
 Personal Representative
 717 7th Street
 Rupert, Idaho 83350.
 PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 21 and 28, 1994.

LEGAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY.

SUBJECT: The Urban State Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program, Biennial State Plan and Supportive Services Plan.

ment of Health and Welfare, Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program Biennial State Plan and Supportive Services Plan are available for public review and comment. This program will be continued until October 1, 1994 in the following counties of the state: Bonner, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Canyon, Payette, Ada, Twin Falls, Blaine, Bingham and Bonanza.

The JOBS program is designed as an Education, Training, and Employment Program for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). The JOBS Program provides client services through the following components and services: Vocational Activities, Job Skills Training, Job Readiness Activities, Work Search Activities, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training, Job Placement, and Post Secondary Education. The intent of the JOBS program is to assist AFDC clients in becoming self-sufficient and avoid long-term welfare dependence.

Supportive Services Program will provide for such adjunct services and child care and transportation assistance to enable AFDC clients to participate fully in education, training and employment activities.

The State JOBS Plan cover the period of October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995.

AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED PLANS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. Copies of the plans are available for review and comment at the undersigned, or in any of the seven regional administrative offices of the Department.

COMMISSIONER OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, or assistance on technical questions concerning this project, contact Kathy James, Acting Chief, Bureau of Family Self Support, Department of Health and Welfare, (208) 334-6518. Anyone may submit written comment regarding the proposed plan. All written comments must be submitted to the undersigned, and must be postmarked or delivered on or before June 14, 1994.

DATED this 5th day of April, 1994.
 KATHY JAMES, Acting Chief, Bureau of Family Self Support
 Division of Family and Children's Services
 Department of Health and Welfare
 P.O. Box 83720
 Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

LEGAL NOTICE YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED pursuant to Idaho Code Section 24-204 that the Retirement Board of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Idaho (PERS) will hold its regular monthly meeting May 24, 1994, in the Washington Room at the Quality Inn, 1555 Pocatello Creek Rd., Pocatello. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

DATED this 4th day of April, 1994.
 ALAN H. WINKLE
 ALAN H. WINKLE, Executive Director
 PUBLISH: Thursday, April 14, 1994.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY.

The Shoshone District BLM announces the availability of the following decisions and, where appropriate, the finding of No Significant Impact as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Decision on Road Canyon AMP Revision located in BLAINE county at T1N, R22E, Section 20, and adjacent to an environmental document ID050-AD-94028.

For more information contact the Shoshone DO at P.O. Box 2-8, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, or call (208) 686-2206.

PUBLISH: April 14 and 15, 1994.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will meet with the Twin Falls City Council in a special meeting on Friday, April 15, 1994, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 321 Second Avenue East in Twin Falls, Idaho, to discuss project priorities for the Old Town Redevelopment Project area. The meeting is open to



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interest in the amount of \$669.79 and to make monthly reserve payments for taxes and insurance in the amount of \$195.24 plus accumulated late charges, any advances and costs associated with this foreclosure, with the duration of the arrangement in payments being computed according to

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DATED: February 11, 1994.

NORMAN S. JENSEN
Successor Trustee
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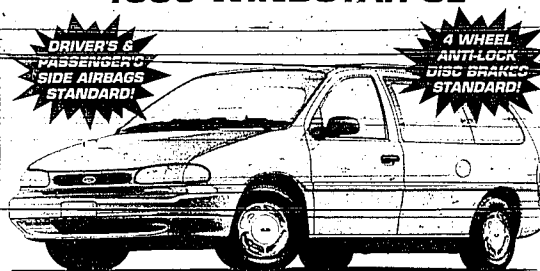
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Briefly

Big Sky commissioner in line for WAC job

BOISE — Ron Stephenson, commissioner of the Big Sky Conference for 13 years, is one of five finalists for a similar position with the Western Athletic Conference.

Stephenson, 50, announced a year ago that he was leaving the Big Sky when his contract expires in June of 1995. But if he gets the WAC position, he said he would ask Big Sky Conference presidents to release him from his contract.

WAC Commissioner Joe Kearney retires June 30. Other finalists for the position, all conference commissioners, are Steve Hatchel of the Southwest; Mike Slive of the Great Midwest; the Sun Belt's Craig Thompson and Karl Benson, Mid-American.

Bowe takes on unbeaten foe in scheduled June match

NEW YORK — Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe will meet unbeaten Buster Mathis Jr. on June 11 in the first of three fights for Bowe this summer against up-and-coming opposition.

All three will be televised by HBO.

Bowe, who lost his title last November to Evander Holyfield, whom he had beaten to win the championship a year earlier, is 34-1 with 29 knockouts for his career. The three fights are designed to get him in shape for another try at the heavyweight title.

The fight with Mathis, a son of Buster Mathis, a heavyweight contender during the 1960s, will take place at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Mathis is 13-0 with three knockouts in his career.

Seles decides to stay off tour a while longer, agent says

PARIS — Monica Seles, still recovering from the effects of an on-court stabbing last year, does not plan to return to the women's tennis tour at any time soon, her agent Stephanie Tolkson says. Seles was stabbed in the upper back last April 30 by an obsessed Steffi Graf fan at a tournament in Hamburg, Germany, and has not played since. Seles dropped out of the WTA rankings in February because of her long absence from the tour.

Seles' name was not on the list of entries announced Wednesday for the French Open, scheduled May 23-June 5.

Compiled from wire reports

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Twin Falls JV at Filer DH 4 p.m.
Buhl at Burley 4:30 p.m.

Prop track
Angie Wyatt at Twin Falls 1 p.m.
Northside at ISDB 2 p.m.
Wood River invitational

Prop tennis
Wood River at Jerome 12:30 p.m.

Sports on TV

2 p.m. — Channel 23, Golf, PGA Senior Championship
5:35 p.m. — Channel 32, Baseball, San Francisco at Atlanta
8 p.m. — Channel 31, NBA basketball, Charlotte at Orlando
9:30 p.m. — Channel 13, Bowling, Donald Cooper (heavyweight)

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Eagles take 5-1 record against pre-season favorite

By Mike Maller

Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — Kicking a team when it's down may not be the gentlemanly thing to do, but that strategy would greatly help College of Southern Idaho in the North Division baseball race.

The Golden Eagles travel to Coeur d'Alene for a Saturday-Sunday three-game

series with North Idaho College, a team expected to contend for the division title.

Instead of ranking among the leaders, the Cardinals are 1-4 through two series. CSI stands 5-1, one-half game behind league-leading Vikings. The Vikings play their first home series this weekend, entertaining Treasure Valley, 2-4.

"I feel for (NIC Coach Jack) Bloxom because he's got a good club," said Eagles

Coach Jim Walker. "They're just not winning. When they hit, they don't pitch. When they pitch, they don't hit."

CSI is coming off a sweep of Treasure Valley, but the Eagles failed to look impressive in the victories.

"We're winning in spite of ourselves," Walker said. "We're winning because we have more talent, not because we're playing better."

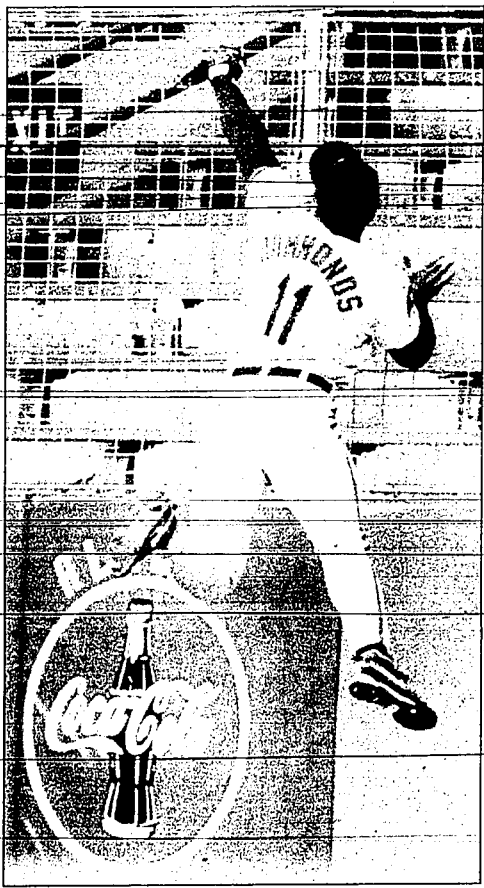
led by cleanup batter Devin Chavez, the CSI hitting continues to show improvement.

The team has worked this week to correct pitching and defensive problems.

"I just hope we'll go up there and battle," Walker said. "The last five games I think we played tentative."

The three games will complete the first half of the league schedule for CSI.

Off the wall



Baltimore right fielder Jeffrey Hammonds can't quit grab a ball hit by Detroit's Cecil Fielder off the outfield wall during the second inning of Wednesday's game in Detroit. Fielder went 4-for-4 in the game. For results, see Page D-3.

AP photo

Aaron thinks of history, homers

Home-run king saved letters he received chasing Ruth's record; Clinton pays tribute

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Letters written two decades ago, not the one he received Wednesday night from President Clinton, were on Hank Aaron's mind as he took part in ceremonies marking the 20th anniversary of his record 715th home run.

Aaron has bittersweet memories of his chase to break Babe Ruth's home record. Among the tons of mail he received were several death threats, which he kept.

"I saved the letters for my children and my grandchildren," Aaron said during a news conference before the ceremony.

"I don't want them to get too satisfied. We're still having serious problems," he said, pointing to the stabbing of tennis star Monica Seles, the blow to the knee of ice skater Nancy Kerrigan and threats to other athletes.

"They built a structure in Washington, D.C., to remind us of the Holocaust," he said. "It's to remind people if we forget history, we're doomed. That's why I saved the letters."

Major League Baseball dedicated the week of April 8-15 as Hank Aaron Week. Each club playing at home paid tribute to Aaron on April 8, the 20th anniversary of homer No. 715. It came in the fourth-inning off left-hander Al Downing of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Braves were on the road during the opening week of the season and didn't re-



AP photo

Hank Aaron reflects at Atlanta Stadium about the night he broke Babe Ruth's home record 20 years ago.

turn to Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, site of the historic home run, until Tuesday night.

"Hank Aaron distinguished himself as Please see AARON/D2

Minor leaguers play to crowds when Michael Jordan's in town

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The sparkling new bus is gassed up and ready to go. All aboard, everyone, it's time for the Jordan Tour to begin.

Unlike his high-flying days in the NBA, there are no glamorous stops like Madison Square Garden in New York or the Forum in Los Angeles.

No, Michael Jordan and his Birmingham Barons will have to be content with Engel Stadium, a 64-year-old ballpark in Chattanooga, Tenn., and five County Stadium, a 6,000-seat structure surrounded by tobacco fields in the sleepy North Carolina town of Zebulon.

Welcome to real world of minor league baseball: long bus rides, small towns and big dreams. At least with Jordan as the marquee attraction, the crowds will be larger than normal.

"It's always nice to play in front of people instead of nobody," said Barons catcher Chris Tremie. "At some minor-league parks, they don't draw hardly anyone."

Actually, the Carolina Mudcats, who will play host to the Jordans — make that the Barons — on Sunday for the start of a three-game series, led the Double A Southern League in attendance last season. The excitement, however, is magnified in a state

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Despite comments, Carlton still set for Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The baseball Hall of Fame has a new headache — Steve Carlton, whose remarks on the "Elders of Zion" have prompted Jewish groups to call for the Hall to bar him from induction.

But the president of the Hall said Wednesday that those complaints are not enough to bar the left-handed pitcher.

Carlton, who spent most of his years in baseball without speaking to the media, set off the controversy with an interview printed in Philadelphia Magazine in which he told writer Pat Jordan that the "Elders of Zion," 12 Jewish bankers in Switzerland, "rule the world."

That led the American Jewish Congress to ask that Carlton, elected to the Hall last January, be barred from induction until he apologizes. Carlton is scheduled to go into the

Carlton also (said) that President Clinton has 'a black son' and that the AIDS virus was created in a secret Maryland laboratory 'to get rid of gays and blacks.'

Hall on July 31. "We have a long way to go until induction, and hopefully he will apologize or clarify his remarks," said Ed Stack, the Hall of Fame's president. "He's elected and he's going to be inducted."

"But we have a long way to go. What happens in the meantime could smooth the things."

Stack noted that the Hall of Fame by-laws bar inductees whose conduct is "not in the best interests of baseball."

That was the clause that kept out Pete Rose, banned from the sport for life after admitting he gambled, though he maintains not

on baseball. Rose also served five months in jail and three months in a halfway house for not reporting income.

But of Carlton, Stack said: "There's nothing in our by-laws that could hold up the process of induction."

Carlton, who now lives on a 400-acre ranch near Durango, Colo., has been given to controversial remarks. Many of the things he told Jordan in the Philadelphia Magazine article he said to the Philadelphia Inquirer in January, shortly after his election.

Wrote Jordan: "One minute he'll say 'The Russian and

U.S. governments fill the air with low-frequency sound waves that are meant to control us, and the next he'll say 'The Elders of Zion rule the world,' and then 'The British MI-5 and 6 intelligence agencies have ruled the world since 1812 and 12 Jewish bankers meeting in Switzerland rule the world,' and the world is controlled by a committee of 300 which meets at a roundtable in Rome."

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The A.J.C. in asking that Carlton be barred, said it was concerned only with the section on the "12 Jewish bankers."

"It's a variant on a classic anti-Semitic reference to The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which tells the story of a so-called group of Jews who control the banks, the government and the media."

Here's 1 coach Tulsa won't lose to bigger school

The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Tulsa has beaten major college programs in football and basketball, but never in coaching. Tubby Smith changed that Wednesday.

Smith, widely courted after taking the Golden Hurricane to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament, has turned down Oklahoma and announced he will stay at Tulsa. "Oklahoma presented a beautiful picture and a great opportunity," Smith said. "When you're away from someone, your heart grows fonder. Looking at that situation made me even fonder of the University of Tulsa."

Smith was greeted with fervent applause

at a news conference by supporters who have seen football coach John Cooper leave for Arizona State and basketball coach Nolan Richardson leave for Arkansas over the past 10 years.

The relationship wasn't so warm a day earlier.

President Robert Donaldson announced Friday at a rally honoring the basketball team that Smith had signed a new five-year contract with Tulsa. In fact, Smith had only agreed to the new deal.

When it was learned he had not officially signed, Oklahoma came calling in an effort to replace Billy Tubbs, who left for Texas Christian.

of regents issued a statement Tuesday saying Smith had committed to Tulsa by agreeing to the contract, and that he was disappointed Smith had pursued other opportunities.

Smith spent Tuesday interviewing at Oklahoma and said the process was headed toward a job offer when he decided Tulsa is "where I wanted to be."

He called Donaldson late Tuesday night to ask if he still had a job at Tulsa.

"I said, 'Tubby, come on home. We need you here,'" Donaldson said.

Smith, a former assistant at Kentucky, under Rick Pitman, is 55-35 in his three years at Tulsa. The Hurricane was 23-8 last season, winning the Missouri Valley

Conference regular-season title, then upsetting UCLA and Oklahoma State in the NCAA tournament before losing to eventual champion Arkansas.

In addition to saying he will sign his new contract, Smith said he would not listen to any other offers that might come his way this year. He previously turned down Kansas State and has been mentioned prominently as a replacement for Johnny Orr if he resigns at Iowa State.

"I was surprised I even took the visit to Oklahoma," Smith said. "I knew I had made that commitment Friday in front of everyone in front of the players. I really feel like I'm a man of my word; and I've pretty well shown that by staying put."

Winfield helps Twins win

SEATTLE (AP) — Dave Winfield moved into 14th place on baseball's career hit list and Minnesota manager Tom Kelly notched his 600th victory as the Twins beat the Seattle Mariners 9-6 on Wednesday.

American League

The Twins scored five runs in the sixth inning en route to snapping a five-game losing streak and improving to 2-7. The 42-year-old Winfield had two singles to give him 3,024 hits, moving him past Lou Brock's 3,023. Rod Carew is 15th on the all-time list with 3,053.

Kelly, 43, became the ninth active manager to reach 600 victories.

Pat Mahomes (1-0) gave up a home run to Eric Anthony, his fourth of the season, and to Reggie Jefferson, but the Twins battered Greg Hibbard (0-1) for seven runs in 5 1/3 innings. Rick Aguilera earned his second save.

Tigers 6, Orioles 3

DETROIT (AP) — Cecil Fielder went 4-for-4, including one of three Detroit homers, and John Doherty pitched seven strong innings. Tony Phillips and Eric Davis each homered in the seventh inning for the Tigers, helping manager Sparky Anderson earn his 100th win against the Orioles.

Doherty (1-1) held the Orioles to two runs and eight hits in seven innings. Heaneman finished up for his second save.

Jamie Moyer (0-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Royals 2, Red Sox 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rookie Bob Hamelin, who has replaced George Brett as Kansas City's designated hitter, hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth. Kansas City, routed 22-1 by the Red Sox on Tuesday night, had not gotten a runner past first before Hamelin homered off Jeff Russell (0-1).

Billy Brewer (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief.

White Sox 5, Yankees 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Bere scattered four hits in seven innings and Julio Franco homered as Chicago stretched its winning streak to four.

Bere (1-0) struck out six and walked two. Paul Assenmacher pitched the eighth against his former team and Kirk McCullik finished. The loss was the Yankees' fourth straight.

Jim Abbott (1-1) gave up four runs — three earned — and eight hits in 2 2/3 innings. He walked four and struck out three.

Jordan

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that has reverted Jordan since he led the North Carolina to a national basketball championship in 1982.

"There is a high demand for tickets," said Joe Kremer, the Mudcats general manager. "I hear people have been scalping them for \$50 apiece. It should be a hither-sweet homecoming for Jordan. After all, this is the state where he starred as a Little League pitcher and shortstop, where he had last played baseball as a skinny high school senior in Wilmington, where he mourned his murdered father last year and perhaps make a silent promise to return to the sport his dad always wanted him to play."

Jordan's brother, Larry, will throw out the first ball, and Jordan's car dealership in nearby Durham is sponsoring a batting helmet giveaway for the youngsters.

Kremer said all 3,000 reserved seats have been gobbled up for not only this series but two games against the Barons in July. The rest of the stadium is left to general admission on a first-come, first-served basis.

"It'll be a wild parking lot with everybody trying to get a ticket," Kremer predicted.

But before the Barons arrive in Zebulon aboard their new \$350,000 bus purchased by you-know-who, they'll stop in Chattanooga for a three-game series against the Lookouts, the same team that opposed Jordan in his professional debut last Friday.

With Jordan coming to their park Thursday night, the Lookouts are bracing for crowds rivaling the 11,000 — 3,500 above seating capacity — who crammed every nook and cranny for an exhibition game last year against the Cincinnati Reds.



Montreal Expos starting pitcher Pedro Martinez delivers against Cincinnati Wednesday in Montreal. The Reds broke up his no-hitter in the ninth.

Dolphins sign Kosar, Vikings ink Moon, Redskins dump Rypien

The Associated Press

Bernie Kosar is heading back to Miami, Warren Moon is on his way to Minnesota and Mark Rypien's destination is unknown.

Three of the NFL's big-name quarterbacks will be switching teams next season as the result of moves announced Wednesday.

Moon, who led the Houston Oilers to seven straight playoff appearances, is going to the Minnesota Vikings. The team's reached a preliminary agreement on the trade, in which Minnesota reportedly will send Houston two draft picks — a fourth-rounder this year and a conditional third-rounder in 1995.

Moon had mixed feelings about the deal. "Everybody knows I wanted to finish my career here (in Houston), but also knowing there's another team that wants me is a challenge," he said. "You can give your all if you know the fans are behind you."

Kosar, who led the University of Miami to the 1983 national championship, signed a two-year, \$1.65 million contract with the Miami Dolphins, where he will back up Dan Marino. "It's exciting and an honor for me to come back home and play here," said Kosar, who played 7½ seasons in Cleveland before joining the Dallas Cowboys last November. "South Florida has always been special in my heart."

Rypien, the Super Bowl MVP in 1992 when he led Washington to the NFL championship, was released by the Redskins on Wednesday. The team plans to take a quarterback — Tennessee's Heath Shuler or Fresno State's Trent Dilfer — in the first round of the NFL draft later this year.



Kosar



Moon



Rypien

"The Washington Redskins are now pursuing other opportunities to sign a veteran quarterback, and Mark Rypien is free to sign with another NFL club," the team said. "The NFL's new salary cap played a role in the Rypien and Moon exits. Partly because of their big salaries — \$3.25 million for Moon, \$3 million for Rypien — the quarterbacks were considered expendable."

Oilers general manager Floyd Reese said the team's salary structure couldn't support two \$3 million quarterbacks — Moon and backup Cody Carlson. "The only way he (Moon) would be here would be to play for a certain amount to fit our budget. That would make him lower paid than a lot of people on the team, which I could never see happening."

The Redskins said Rypien requested his release after the team asked him to renegotiate his contract. According to an NFL source, Rypien reportedly rejected a Washington offer that would have cut his salary by about two-thirds.

Rypien's declining performance was also a big factor in Washington's decision. Hampered by injuries the last two seasons, he was the NFC's lowest-rated quarterback in 1992 and

Astros 4, Marlins 2

MIAMI (AP) — Greg Swindell (2-0) allowed five hits in eight shutout innings.

Marlins' lowest-scoring game since 1993. Despite Rypien's problems, Cleveland, Kansas City and Tampa Bay already have shown an interest in signing him.

Kosar negotiated with Dallas, Kansas City and Washington, but signed with Miami. He may have passed up a chance to start for the Redskins in favor of reserve role with the Dolphins. "I had opportunities to play more regularly with other teams," he said. "But I didn't really think the teams were as talented as the Miami Dolphins."

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Business

Slow price rise eases inflation fears

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices rose moderately last month and Americans spent less than expected at stores, easing fears of spiraling inflation and an overheating economy.

Despite the reassuring government reports, stock prices fell Wednesday after bonds were unable to sustain a brief rally. After a volatile day in which the Dow Jones industrial average was down as far as 50 points, the market closed with the Dow at 3,661.47, down 20.22 points.

Some analysts said even major economic reports may have little bearing now on investors' behavior.

Helped by the smallest increase in health care costs in a decade, the Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 percent in March — matching February's rise, the Labor Department said.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales were up 0.4 percent last month, a figure economists said is a sign of healthy but not worrisome

growth. Inflation has been mild for more than three years, the best stretch in three decades. The cost of living was up 2.7 percent last year, following a 2.9 percent rise in 1992 and 3.1 percent in 1991.

But recent surging economic data has sparked inflation fears and led the Federal Reserve to increase short-term interest rates.

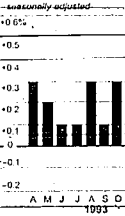
The Labor Department said increases in clothing prices and housing costs primarily — accounted for about half of March's CPI upturn, which was generally in line with economists' predictions.

Before February's 0.3 percent rise, the index had been unchanged in January for the first time in more than four years.

The annual inflation rate was up 2.5 percent for the first quarter of 1994, compared to 2.7 percent for the same period in 1993. When volatile food and energy costs are excluded, the index still rose 0.3 percent for March, and just 2.9 percent for a year ago.

U.S. consumer price index

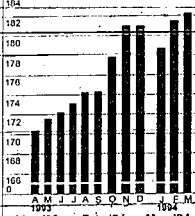
Percent change from prior month, seasonally adjusted.



Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Retail sales

Seasonally adjusted, billions of dollars



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

U.S., Canadian officials close to farm trade pact

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Canadian officials appeared hopeful Wednesday that a bitter U.S.-Canada farm-trade dispute could be resolved during top-level discussions early Wednesday in Morocco.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy will hold a special meeting for several hours Thursday morning with Canadian Trade Minister Roy MacLaren and Canadian Agriculture Minister Ralph Goodale.

The trade ministers are in Marrakech for Friday's signing of a new accord on global trade rules, which has been really working hard to get a comprehensive agreement," said Bob Rae, spokesman for Goodale.

Rae declined to comment on reports that Canada is in return for concessions on dairy and poultry products, is prepared to accept a short-term ceiling, or cap, on wheat shipments to the United States.

"We remain hopeful of reaching an agreement that will be good for producers in both countries," he said in a telephone interview from Marrakech.

"There are still some wrinkles out there, but there is also more common ground than we have seen since last year," Rae said.

With total bilateral trade in agricultural products reaching \$9 billion, Rae stressed "there is obviously a strong desire in Canada and United States to trade freely in farm products."

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Markets

Dow Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — First Dow Jones averages for Wednesday, April 13:

High 3,681.50 Low 3,661.47

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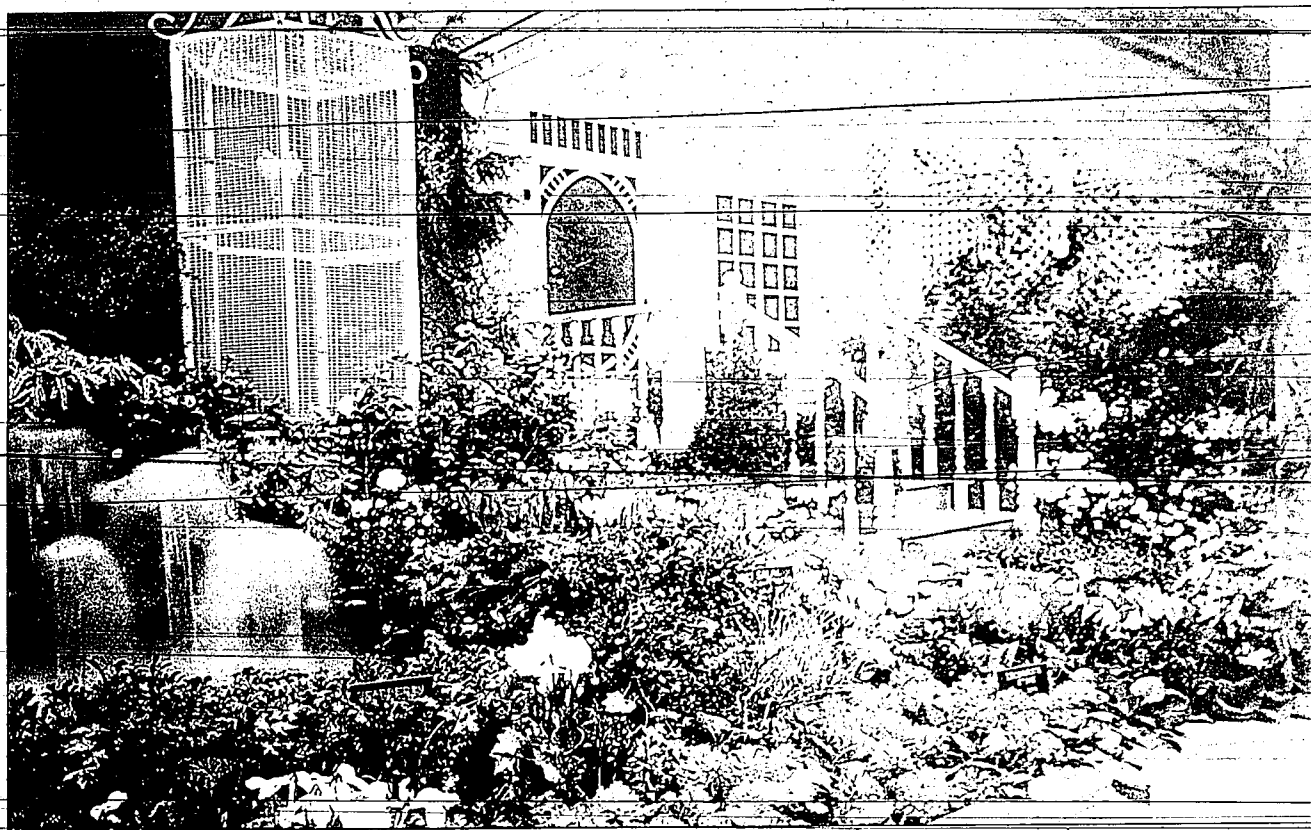
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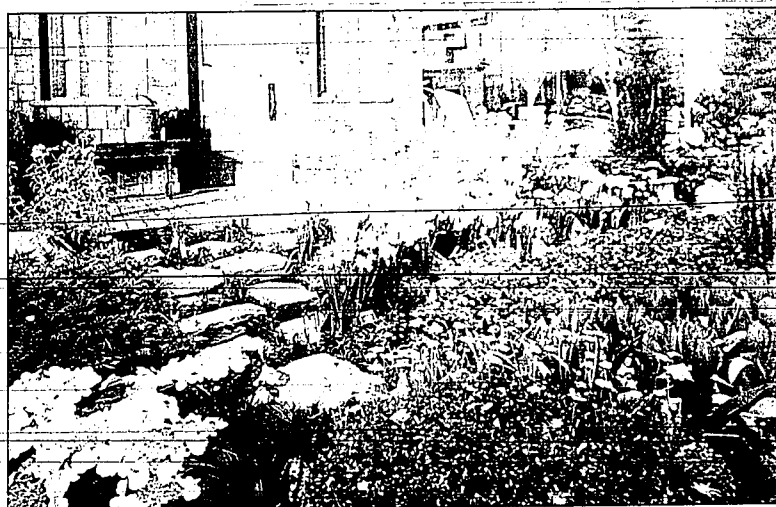
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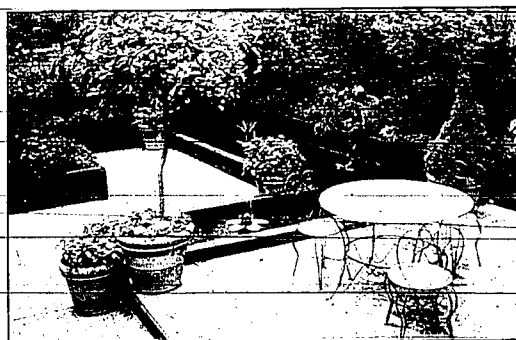
Outdoor Living



What's new in outdoor living?



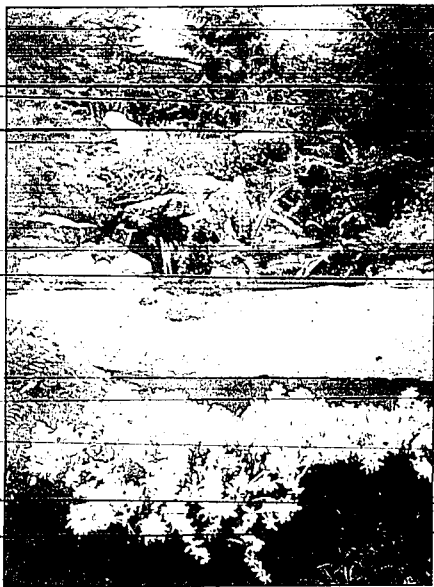
A number of businesses displayed their garden designs at this year's Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle. Here are five sample gardens.



Photos by
David McDonald

Northwest Flower
and Garden Show - E2

Show teaches new ways to decorate outdoor living spaces



This is one of the gardens created by Northwest garden designers for this year's Northwest Flower and Garden Show. The theme was "Water, Water Everywhere."

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

SEATTLE - There is a place, not far away, where we can go ... It is a place of fanciful gardens and never-before-imagined combinations of trees, shrubs, flowers and gentle water. It is a fantasy land for grownups, and it only exists in the deepest, darkest, darkest part of winter.

Dunne Kelly organizes this winter getaway each year - to satisfy the "primal need to see spring arrive," he said. It's the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, a Disneyland for gardeners.

Just after the post-holiday doldrums, winter ceases to exist in Seattle's Convention Center, a six-story concrete building that belies its power to change the seasons. Once inside, visitors are taught new ways to decorate their outdoor living spaces.

Northwest garden designers are subsidized to strut their stuff. Last year the show gave out around \$90,000.

For 1,000 square feet, a nursery receives \$4,000 to \$5,000, Kelly said. But, he added, it costs them about \$8,000 each on top of that to create their individual versions of garden magic.

This year's theme was "Water, Water Everywhere," and it was, it flowed from fountains and waterfalls. A rain forest rained on schedule, heralded by gently rolling thunder. Ko slow-danced in still ponds. Crickets sang, and birds chirped. Visitors forgot they stood on concrete, four floors up.

Grass grew in the designs. Emphasis was on interesting plants that, once established, require less care - and less water. Bulb flowers bright-

ened spots here and there, as did primroses, heathers, camellias and dogwoods.

New ideas flowed from trickling streambeds to visitors' notebooks. That's what I want to do in the backyard - immerse gardeners in a world, drifting by their favorite displays.

In the beginning

After visiting similar events throughout this country and Europe, including London's Chelsea Flower Show, Kelly decided to sprout America's third largest flower and garden show in Seattle. This is year No. six.

Seven bucks buys you entry to Seattle's Convention Center for a day, where 34 nurseries and garden centers compete for 21 awards, and for "oohs," and "aahs," from winter-weary gardeners. Admission to the show's educational seminars, as well as to its Marketplace, orchid show, amateur horticulture and design competitions and children's garden is included.

Kelly said the show has become so popular that it's often sold out. There are two shows larger than Seattle's, one in Boston and the other in Philadelphia. Closer to home, smaller shows bloom in Denver, Portland and Los Angeles.

This year's Seattle show ran five full days, one more than last year, with the call of the soil reaching 81,000 people. The visitors left about \$850,000 behind to fertilize next year's wishful thinking.

Seattle's enchantment

The show's out-of-towners find the six-block downhill hike to Pike's Place Market a pleasant stroll, where lunch can be enjoyed a course at a time. Shopping the market turns up

ethnic treasures from around the world.

Seattle's diverse flavor seasons the show's exhibits, too. This year, visitors were treated to a look at a crystal from the largest crystal formation ever found in earth - in Namibia - at Hendrikus and Schraven's garden display.

Hendrikus, a Dutch landscaper who now resides in Issaquah, was a little nervous about leaving the crystal, worth about \$750,000, overnight. So he unrolled his sleeping bag after everyone else went home, and slept in his display.

Raymond Evison, from England's Horticultural Society was astounded at the quality of the show and even borrowed some ideas to take back to the Chelsea show, Kelly said.

In this year's Marketplace, the Washington State University Bookstore packed a booth with gardening books at discounted prices. Several publishing houses set up shop nearby.

Orchid Society folks handed out literature and blossoms. "The roses florists sell," were offered on an end booth. Macrame hammock-chairs on display were filled with weary shoppers.

Dahlias, birdhouses, hand-painted flowers from England and San Francisco and greenhouse lighting were popular draws. More than 300 retail booths on the sixth floor offered everything that's new under the sun.

The children's garden contained three miniature garden likenesses no bigger than an aquarium with tiny trees, flowers, potting sheds, even slugs.

Sunset magazine sponsored the seminars. Seventeen times a day, visitors had the opportunity to hear the likes of Ed Hume talk about how to

make vegetable gardening easy. England's Raymond Evison took his audience on a trip to China to hunt plants with his camera.

Washington State University horticulture professors shared good stuff on using native plants and learning about biological controls in the garden, and doctors gave talks on medicinal herbs.

Jackson and Perkins sent someone to talk about different places in the garden to plant roses, and Sunset magazine's northwest editor talked about his house plants - and threw parts of most of them to the audience to take home and propagate for their own.

England's Rosemary Verney talked about garden accessories and enjoying color throughout the year.

Other gardening experts were extremely practical. "Make your focal point something you can't kill, like a birdbath," Mary Ann Binetti told everyone.

Planning ahead
Next year's Northwest Flower and Garden Show will be held Feb. 22 through 26, 1995. Show coordinators will send a list of nearby hotels that offer significant discounts. Show tickets purchased in advance are also discounted. Seattle is a long one-day (or short two-day) drive from the Magic Valley. Airfare can be had for off-season prices in February.

Next year's show theme will be "Rainbows of Color," and Kelly plans to carry it out with a "huge exhibit from Holland bulb growers." Plan to gossip.

For information, write to the show offices at 1515 N.W. 51st St., Seattle, Wash. 98107. The fax number is (206) 784-5545, and the phone number is (206) 789-5533.

Some tasks must be finished by Memorial Day

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - There's much to do in the garden between now and Memorial Day. The hope of glorious spring weather alone prods the gardener into tackling more projects, spurred by visions of beauty to come.

The needs of individual plants create the additional pressure of deadlines and add to the feverish pace. Everything, it seems, must have priority.

So we make lists: what must be done tasks we hope to finish. Less important projects that can wait. Here's my list, which is not intended to add to anyone's burden of work or of guilt. These spring tasks should be tailored to the gardener's own needs and plans; some of them can be delayed into another season, or another year.

If the ground is workable, sow peas right away. Pea plants do not perform well when the weather gets hot. In addition to sweet peas, which bloom in a range of stunning colors and will clamber up a trellis beautifully, there are the edible pod types - snap and snow peas - and the familiar shelling peas, also known as English or garden peas. To get a good crop before the heat, look for quick-maturing varieties, such as Daybreak, Alaska and Sugar Bon.

Dig out perennial weeds as the soil is being prepared. Perennial weeds are easy to identify because the plants, which die back to the ground in the winter, begin greening up early and vigorously. If you are not sure whether you've got a weed or an ornamental perennial, however, leave it alone until you can identify it.

Set supports over or around perennials that will grow tall in the summer. The best supports I have found for free-standing perennials are the wire hoops on stilts. However, they are difficult to place if you tarry until the plants fill out. Positioned early, the supports will be hidden by the foliage as the plants grow.

Fertilize perennials.

Put time down on the tomato bed. This will help prevent blossom-end rot on tomatoes as they ripen. Remember, though, that the other big contributor to this condition is over-watering as tomatoes are forming on the vines. Plan on watering regularly

if rainfall becomes scarce, either by hand or through irrigation.

Have protective materials on hand in case a late frost threatens tender annuals. Varieties at risk include tomatoes, peppers, squash, impatiens, geraniums, cucumbers. To protect plants outdoors, drape sheets of newspaper carefully over seedlings, or use baskets, jars, cartons, boxes or protective garden-fabric. If you use the fabric, which breathes and lets in light, you won't need to make it rain plants during the day, but the other materials should be removed daily so they won't suffocate plants.

Add compost to the garden soil. Even if you do this in the fall, do it again now. Add as much as you can, but no less than a layer two inches thick worked into the top six inches of soil.

Dig a hole for a new fruit tree. This should be done before you buy the tree. A hole for a young fruit tree, typically five to eight feet tall, should be two to three feet deep and five feet around. Set the dirt in a wheelbarrow or on a tarp until you are ready to plant the tree. Line the hole with a three- to four-inch layer of compost. When you plant the tree, mix compost into the soil that you've taken out of the hole. Tamp down the soil well around roots, and water with a dripping hose for a couple of hours. Keep the tree watered regularly - especially during periods of drought - for a couple of years until its roots have grown to top enough moisture.

Buy or mix an organic fertilizer for your vegetable garden. Most vegetables need a boost every six weeks throughout the growing season. The first application goes on when transplants go in - between now and the end of May. With seeds sown directly into the garden, the first fertilizer application goes on when plants are a month old. In the absence of a ready-mixed granular fertilizer, make a mixture of fish-emulsion tea by dissolving a cup of composted manure or a measure of fish concentrate (follow directions on container) in a bucket of watering can, and water plants with this mixture.

Save all debris from winter-killed or damaged plants as well as leftover leaves and grass clippings from the first mowings. Don't throw out any of these nutrient-rich organic materials; add them to the compost or

mix them together and use them as mulch around newly planted perennials, annuals, vegetables or fruit trees.

Move any shrubs or perennials now. Moving plants during the heat is even more stressful for the plants than for the gardener. If they don't get moved by mid-May, wait until fall.

Get your gas-powered tools serviced before the spring rush. Lawn mower blades, especially, should be sharpened.

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Container gardens are low-maintenance

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

"Think of container gardens as 'outdoor bouquets in a durable vase,'" said Karen Steeb, landscape designer.

Steeb, from Woodinville, Wash., has harvested three awards for container garden designs and installations from the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and is often featured in Sunset Magazine. She spoke to gardeners at this year's Seattle Flower and Garden Show.

"The number one reason for failure," Steeb said, "is no drainage."

Make sure the water can escape through those bottom holes by setting the pots on sawed-off sections of PVC pipe. When cut into rings a couple of inches high, there is plenty of room for water to drain, and the deck or patio underneath can dry thoroughly, with no damage.

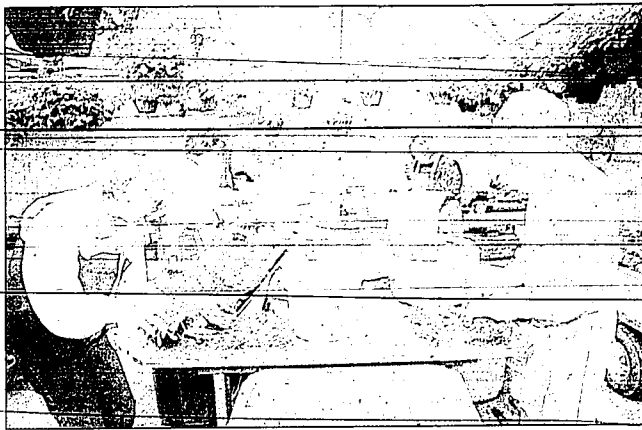
The number-two reason for failure, Steeb said, is that people often fill half the pot with styrofoam peanuts.

'The number one reason for failure is no drainage.'

— Karen Steeb, landscape designer

gardening are hard to beat: no weeding, versatility, adaptation to small spaces and practically no maintenance. Anything from low-growing shrubs with bulbs underneath to herbs to an entire vegetable garden can be grown without real estate.

Weeds rarely occur in containers, because weed seeds don't find their way into the miniature gardens. Even if they did, they

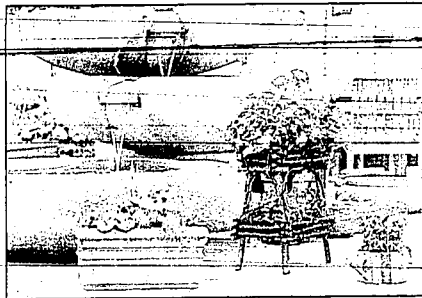


MIKE GALLAGHER/The Times-News

Above, a busy season

for the designers at Moss Greenhouses, the crew works on custom orders for container gardens.

At right, in a large variety of shapes and sizes, container gardens are easy to find in the retail section of Moss Greenhouses, which is located east of Jerome.



would probably not find enough room to grow and sprout. Tomatoes and cucumbers can

be grown in hanging planters. Petunias are pretty in a row of pots sitting on a ledge. Window

boxes hold ivy geraniums while their blossoms spill over the sides.

Pots don't have to be pots. Flowers and other growing things don't care if they're planted in a \$500 imported clay pot or a discarded toilet. As long as plants have drainage, plenty of light and an occasional feeding, they're happy.

It doesn't matter much what material you choose for pots, but a little thought to function might influence your decision, Steeb said. She often uses lots of large pots, with plants crowded into them until they have the effect that the crop is so bountiful it must swell up and over the sides.

Clay is good for summer, but won't keep roots warm enough in winter. Before clay pots are used they should either be painted with a waterproof coating or soaked overnight. Otherwise, the clay's tendency to draw moisture to itself and away from roots.

Wood is good for all climates, and there's probably a style that fits your decor areas because of its weight and durability. It would take an ambitious thief to cart off a planter weighing several hundred pounds.

Steeb likes plastic pots, especially the heavy ones. They can be thoroughly cleaned, often last several seasons, and are attractive. As long as they have several half-inch holes in the bottom for drainage, they will perform well.

"Mass several pots; don't line them up," advised Steeb, for a pleasing effect.

She likes to keep the number of colors to three in her flowers, with one of those white.

Steeb's final advice was to take home plants with buds in bloom. They will be less likely to have transplant shock. Blooms take a lot out of a plant, and transplanting causes more.

"Besides," Steeb said, "if it's blooming when you take it home, it will be a long time before the next blooms appear."

Reader's Digest home repair book one of best

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q: What is the best book on home repair and maintenance? —P. Martin.

A: My favorite is "Reader's Digest Home Improvements Manual," although there are a number of other excellent books on these subjects. I picked the manual, which sells for about \$28 at some bookstores and home centers, because it is well organized and well illustrated.

If you buy it, be sure and get a copy that has "updated" printed across the upper left corner of the cover. The book was revised about two years ago to include new products and techniques.

Q: I have a concrete porch and steps that have been painted several times. The problem is that the paint wears off, even though the porch is covered by a roof. What do you think of putting a wood floor over the concrete? —M. Fallick.

A: Putting a wood floor or other surface over the concrete will not eliminate the need for maintenance. In fact, a wood floor might require more maintenance than the concrete.

It is possible the concrete porch needs repainting frequently because the wrong kind of paint was used or the surface was not properly prepared.

A special "porch and floor" paint, which will adhere well to concrete and stand up to the foot traffic on a porch, should be used. These special paints are available at paint stores and home centers. The container will include directions for preparing the surface, and the directions should be followed carefully.

Porches and other horizontal concrete surfaces are usually easy to repaint if the old paint is only worn, not loose or flaking. Use a long-handled roller to apply the paint rapidly and neatly. If there is loose or flaking paint, it will have to be scraped off, of course. Also, sand any glossy areas before repainting.

Red poppies grow abundantly in Texas thanks to WWI hero

The Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Texas — Thanks to a World War I veteran who had a magic touch with seeds, there's a touch of Flanders fields in Texas.

Georgetown is the official "Red Poppy Capital of Texas," and it got that way because Henry Purl "Okra" Compton brought back some red corn poppy seeds from France after the war and sprinkled them in his mother's garden.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow,"

Between the crosses, row on row..." So went the famous lines by John McCrae, who captured the symbolism of solace that red poppies offered the soldiers in the trenches. Compton, a hero of the war (pinned down in a trench for 28 days without a gun, he still managed to capture an enemy soldier), brought the seeds back as mementoes.

The poppies blew, and just grew and grew, spreading along roadways, the railroad tracks, along College Street, from 8th Street to San Gabriel Park. Every year they would spring up in new spots, far as anyone knew, Georgetown was the only place in the country where these poppies made a permanent home, reseeding themselves year after year.

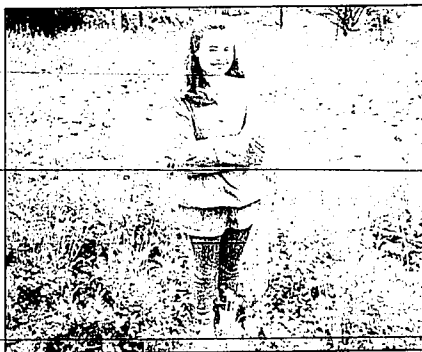
For Compton, history was repeating itself. As a boy, he had planted his father's cotton fields in okra and started an okra plague that covered the county for years. "I didn't join to fight," he said later of his decision to go into the Army. "I was just trying to get out of the okra business."

He died in 1974. The poppies continued. Then in the 1980s, people noticed the poppies were beginning to disappear. The newly hired city finance manager, Glenn Reynolds, began getting complaints from residents about the city's fancy new heritage. He soon learned that red poppies "are an intense part of what local people think of when they think of Georgetown. Poppies are a deeply held essence of what is held dear here."

So to supplement the natural poppies, the city, the Williamson County Sun weekly newspaper, and a citizens' task force sold or gave away millions of store-bought red poppy seeds to be planted in the area.

But the newcomers don't reseed as well as the old ones.

Reynolds then got the city council to fund a research project by Southwestern University to find out why the European poppies do so well and explore the feasibility of



AP photo

Southwestern University biology student Christi Biggers is in the middle of a three-year research project on the red poppies brought back as a seed from France after World War I by local hero Henry Purl Compton.

having a seed grower produce red corn poppies from Okra's reseeded stock.

"The Georgetown poppies have had a lot of time to acclimatize to the environment here," says Christi Biggers, a biology major who heads the three-year research project under direction of Stephanie Brown, Southwestern's assistant biology professor.

"They don't need as much care once they are planted in tilled soil. I think if we could use Georgetown seeds as a source, they could proliferate around the city, as long as the mowing is kept under control."

Biggers alternates plots of the new and original poppies and has found that the Georgetown variety produce far larger blossoms with

more leaves. Both kinds "take" better when the soil is well-tilled before planting (the preferred method for planting the tiny seeds is by salt shaker), but the Georgetown poppies still germinate better. Biggers also developed a survey for local poppy growers to record when they planted the flowers, soil treatments, and when the poppies first appear.

"Southwestern has the knowledge we need to do this research so we can find out the truth about the red corn poppies," says Reynolds.

Meanwhile, the city has created Poppy Zones and a Red Poppy Trail, with signs to educate the public and to keep city mowers from buzz-cutting the flowers before they go to seed each summer.

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Recycled Winged Weeder cuts through weeds faster than other tools

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By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

It felt like tiny, soft heads. This mulch, surrounding bedding plants, was recycled glass.

"Everything you see here in this garden is recycled material," the woman said.

According to the brochure, 22 items in this fantasy landscape depicted at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle were made of recycled materials.

Plastic was being recycled into garden furniture. The furniture is strong, unbreakable, doesn't rot — and is made of garbage. Paving stones, as lovely as any found anywhere, were made of glass. Others were concrete.

The concrete wall was recycled concrete. It didn't look old or used or second-hand. It looked like a concrete garden wall.

Glass bricks lined walkways, and recycled paint adorned a little house. Stained glass windows (made of recycled glass, of course) added charm, and a trellis of rebar gave support to clematis. A plastic lumber window box hung under an upstairs window, ready to hold the season's petunias.

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What's that — out in the garden? Is it a hoe? Is it a shovel? No! It's the Winged Weeder.

Later than a roller out the door, she cuts through weeds that dare show their little green faces in Donna Mae's garden.

Donna Mae Allred Hahn tells of days gone by, when she and her sisters toiled in Dad's Idaho Falls garden plot on Saturdays.

"We always did our work faster than our friends," she said, "and we always had fewer weeds than they did."

The credit goes to Hahn's dad's invention, a tool that looks a lot like a paper airplane on a stick. Dad figured his tool needed to be "shaped like a plow" — to cut through the earth with the same ease.

So one evening after chores, Dad Allred went into the shed with a saw and came out with several air-plane-shaped weeders.

He cut the first one out of an old saw blade," Hahn recalled, "and finished it with some things laying around the farm, making the whole just right. He wanted to make the whole saw blade, so he made smaller ones until he'd used the whole blade."

Saturday continues to be work day at Hahn's house, even though her husband prefers golfing to weeding. For, Lyle Hahn found that he "could whip through the garden with the weeder in a half hour and be off golfing in no time."

After several years of working for other people, the Hahns decided it was time to put their faith in Dad's tool to the test. The couple began making weeders in the shed, turning every one out by hand.

That was six years ago. Now everyone wants a Winged Weeder. "We run out in Wichita," Hahn said, "Omaha turned out to be a big show; Wichita turned out to be as big as Portland; we're going to Cincinnati in April next year, Kansas City, too."

The Flower and Garden show circuit takes about a thousand weeders from stock each time the Hahns take a trip. Last year, they sold 39,000. This year, they look for sales of 50,000 implements.

"Somebody will buy one on the first or second day (of a show), and they'll almost always buy another one before the show's over," Hahn said. "In Omaha, one lady bought one, then the next morning came back with two neighbors."

What's so great about an air-plane on a handle?

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Today, the manufacturing of Winged Weeders (Creative Enterprises, Inc.) is spread out over three states, but the Hahns still control the finishing touches. After that, Winged Weeders wing their way to retailers in 42 states, Canada and England.

Living isn't about weeding all day Saturday, anyway, Hahn said.

"We live in such a fast-paced society, we need to get out and get it done and enjoy ourselves."



Donna and Lyle Hahn have been making and selling Winged Weeders, a weeder shaped like a plow, for six years. Donna's father first made the tool out of an old saw blade.

Local merchants sell Winged Weeders

Winged Weeders come in three sizes: Two long handled, and one short-handled tool is available to wage the war on weeds.

Four-inch and eight-inch blades come on long handles and suggested retail prices are \$17.95 and \$19.95. The short-handled tool sports a four-inch blade and sells for \$15.95.

Winged Weeders can be found at the following area stores:

Twin Falls: Kelley Garden Center, D & B Supply, Globe Seed, Price True Value.

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Gooding: Gooding Seed House, Idaho Lumber.

Jerome: Greenhurst Nursery, Moss Greenhouse, Kretzels-True Value.

Rupert: Greenthumb Nursery.

When using tools, keep safety in mind

The Associated Press

Home improvement projects are doable for most people, but don't take safety for granted.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when working with tools, from the "Reader's Digest Book of Skills & Tools."

- Use appropriate safety equipment, such as goggles, earplugs and dust masks. Don't wear gloves when working with most tools; save them for handling rough materials, sharp edges and broken glass, and when cleaning up.

- Don't operate or use any tool if you're tired, on drugs or medication, or soon after drinking alcohol. Don't smoke while working with tools.

- If a cutting tool stalls, switch off the power and unplug the tool before trying to restart it.
- If you set up a ladder or scaffold in front of a door, lock or bar the door.

- When using a ladder, climb only as high as the third step from the top; never stand on the braces, extension arms or paint shelf.
- When soldering, remember that lead solder is toxic. The work area must be well-ventilated, and you should wear a small respirator.

- When working with metal, secure the metal materials with clamps or in a machinist's vise to keep it from moving.
- Always wear eye protection when working with metal. Wear heavy gloves and long sleeves to protect from sharp edges.
- Install a fire extinguisher and smoke alarms in the area where you usually work with tools.
- Keep a first-aid kit at hand, and if possible, a telephone with a list of emergency numbers.
- Don't wear sandals, open-toed or canvas shoes when working with tools. Avoid loose-fitting clothes, which might become entangled in a power tool.
- Never use your hands to clear scraps from a sawing work table. Use a long stick instead.
- When using a power saw, let the saw reach full speed before cutting, and support the work firmly so it won't shift.
- Handle fiberglass with care. Its particles can irritate the skin, eyes, and respiratory system.
- Don't leave tools, hardware and other materials out when not in use. This is especially important if you have youngsters in the house.

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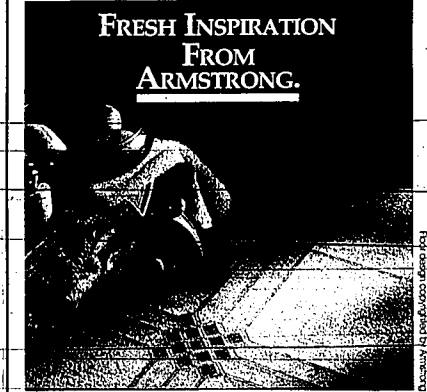
Interested people are encouraged to take photos of impressive, unique and colorful plantings to submit to the contest. Categories are FloraStar or General in three areas: (1) commercial, (2) residential or (3) public, such as parks, institutions, etc. Slides must be taken anywhere in the world but must show plantings for 1994 only.

Each entry must have a minimum of three 35mm color slides (no snapshots, no mini-slides, no 110 size) and a brief explanation indicating location, plants used and comments. Each slide must be labeled with an F (FloraStar) or G (General) and a number (1, 2 or 3).

Selected slides of all entries will be shown at the Slide Show held in conjunction with the PPGA Conference in Buffalo, N.Y., in September. Winning entries can create a publicity event to recognize both the location and the business.

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'Don't ask me' columnist turns to square foot garden

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Times-News features editor Steve Crump liked the idea of having a garden. Fresh vegetables for the summer seemed like a good thing, but when it came to all that rototilling and weeding and watering and sweat, Crump said, "Don't ask me."



For garden-fresh vegetables without all the work a garden demands, Crump had two options:
1. Wait and see what the neighbors have left over.
2. Try a square foot garden.
Remembering what the kids did with the zucchini pancakes last summer, Crump went for option two. Maple syrup just didn't seem to cover up the zucchini taste. Didn't do much for the ceiling, either. After buying Mel Bartholomew's book, "Square Foot Gardening," Crump took a family poll to determine his family's favorite foods. With pizza and sour cream and onion chips off the top of the list, a few green things showed up. Encouraged, Crump decided to buy seeds for everything the kids said they would eat — and maybe skip a couple of new things into the salad.

Square foot gardening is called that because each four-foot by four-foot garden is divided into 16 sections of one square foot each.

Crump can walk all the way around his garden, do everything he needs to do and never use anything heavier than a hoe or a hand trowel. The book recommends four little gardens for the Crump household: one four-by-four garden for each member of the family.

Crump can mark off where he wants each garden. Then he can either kill each 16 square foot of grass and turn the soil or till the whole area and mark off walkways later. Once the initial tilling is done, he will put an ad in the paper to sell the tiller. Crump will never need anything bigger than hand tools in this garden again.

Crump decided to till the whole area and rake soil from the walkways up into four raised beds. They will be edged with scrap lumber set on its sides. Bark, scrap lumber, decorative rock, or whatever mulch Crump will be put down on the walkways to keep shoes clean and dry in all kinds of weather.

While his two boys are helping rake the garden beds smooth, Crump will add a couple of bags of sterilized manure to each bed. Fritty soil works easily from the outside.

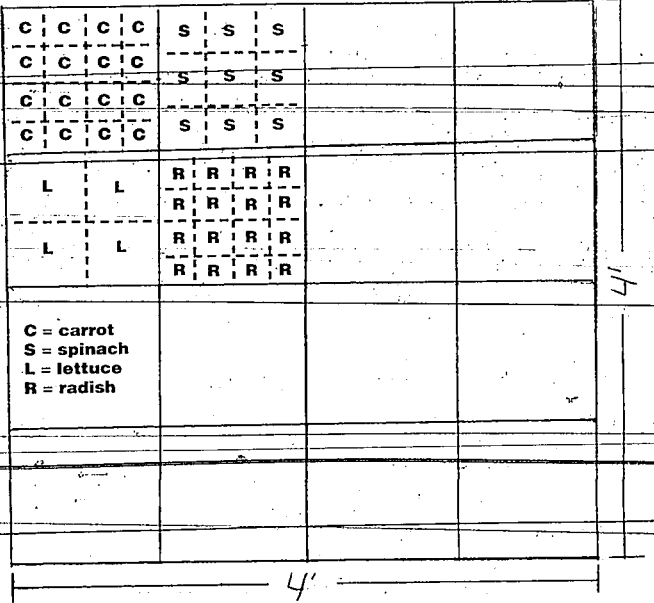
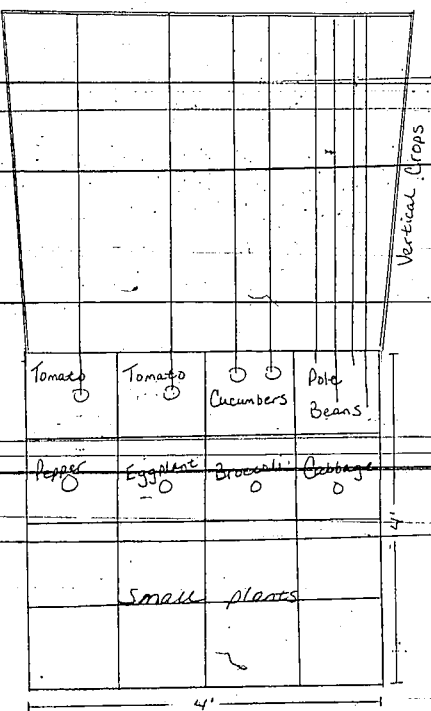
One-foot squares are measured and marked off with string and thumb tacks stuck to the wooden edges.

Crump is now a gardener. Early season crops are put in first. By the time the weather warms up, Crump will have harvested:

- 4 heads Oak leaf lettuce
- 16 carrots
- 9 bunches spinach
- 32 radishes
- 16 scallions
- 4 heads Salad Bowl lettuce
- 16 beets, plus 4 bunches beet greens
- 5 pounds sugar snap peas
- 4 heads Ruby lettuce
- 9 Japanese turnips
- 8 bunches Swiss chard
- 1 head cabbage
- 4 heads romaine lettuce
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 head broccoli
- 16 small, round carrots

All in one of his four-foot by four-foot garden.

When Crump plants lettuce or cabbage that starts out small, but will eventually take more room, he puts the surrounding, unused soil to use. He plants radishes, green onions, or carrots in areas to pull up when they're still



In square foot gardening, four-foot by four-foot gardens are divided into 16 sections of one foot each. The diagram at left shows how to grow climbing plants. Strings are staked into the ground and attached to a vertical frame. As plants begin to grow they will climb the strings. This diagram also shows how plants should be arranged. The diagram above shows how many of each of four kinds of vegetables to plant in a one-foot quadrant. Clockwise from left, 16 carrot, 9 spinach, 16 radish and 4 lettuce plants are appropriate.

small. These vegetables take up relatively little room and are fast growers. They are tasty memories by the time the lettuce and cabbage is big enough to take over the room.

As his cool-season crops have grown up and already been eaten, Crump will replace them with vegetables that like warmer temperatures.

The idea is not to waste space. Crump knows the rule: If you don't put something there, Mother Nature will.

And Crump doesn't weed, thank you. Connie Crump is so impressed with her husband's prowess as a backyard farmer that she's agreed to let him plant more than he originally planned. She would like enough produce to do some canning and freezing.

Crump does a little arithmetic and finds that one block will hold 144 bush bean plants (or 35 pounds), 30 pounds carrots, 14 heads cauliflower, 25 ears of short, early variety corn, 24 ears of tall, late variety corn and 25 pounds of onions. If Connie Crump wants all that, it will take six more garden blocks.

Maintenance is time spent gazing at tiny little gardens, mostly. Bartholomew recommends that 25 hours per week be spent on four garden blocks. That's only a half hour, five days a week.

Watering is easy. Everything is so easy to reach that Steve Crump can water with a watering can if he likes. A "leaky hose" is probably the best option. Crump will use less water, and all the plants will be watered evenly and without their leaves getting wet.

Weeding is a simple task, because there is so little area to deal with. Every square foot of garden can be reached easily and Crump can lean over and pluck baby weeds out with his fingertips.

Crump has noticed a few stray neighborhood cats. He sometimes finds small gardens irresistible. If the Crump family garden is plagued with these

beasts, Crump plans to dissuade them by laying chicken wire over the soil surface so the plants can grow through, but cats can't scratch in the soil.

Mothballs put every few inches around the outside perimeter of the gardens may keep pests away, too. But Crump knows that mothballs do contain poison and won't let them leech into the vegetables.

When the soil warms up, Crump will be ready to put in tomatoes and cucumbers. He has built a vertical frame on the sunny side of one garden from PVC pipe. Strings are already up and waiting for the vegetables to climb them. Pole beans will be nice there, too.

When fall comes and it's time to wrap the garden in a winter coat, Crump will rake his leaves and spread them on the gardens as high as he can get them. He will water them down, and leave them for the winter.

Next spring, his soil will have been enriched by the decaying leaves and protected from frost heaves and drying. The soil will be ready to plant before anybody else's in the neighborhood.

Wheelchair gardening is a fun idea for someone who used to garden, but hasn't for some time because he can't bend over or is confined to a wheelchair.

Crump's Uncle Horace gets a little down every spring because he can't put his fingers into warm soil anymore. As a birthday surprise, Crump plans to build his uncle a patio garden.

Because his uncle's patio is narrow and long, Crump decided to build a couple of planters measuring two feet by four feet, with the sides a foot deep. These he set on sawhorses and filled with light, sterile potting soil from the nursery. So Uncle Horace will have something to unbury on his birthday. Crump bundled seed packets, a hand rake and a fingernail brush up in a basket and put a bow on it.

How should plants be spaced?

Spacing plants in your square foot garden is as easy as making small squares from big squares.

In three-inch squares you can plant beets, carrots, onions and radishes.

In four-inch squares you can plant bush beans and spinach.

In six-inch squares you can plant Swiss chard, leaf lettuce and parsley.

In whole twelve-inch squares plant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, eggplant, musk melons and peppers.

Put lettuce, peas, cabbage, kale, chard, parsley, spinach and any other cool-season crops you might like where you get afternoon shade.

Put corn, tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash in full sun after the soil has warmed to 55 degrees.

Put cucumbers and beans on the vertical strings so they get full sun; don't block the sun to warm-season crops beside them.

When cool-season crops are fooled into thinking the weather is still cool, they can be grown during warmer weather. Use corn and climbing beans to shade lettuce from hot afternoon sun.

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How much insulation is enough?

Boston Globe

Q. The insulation on the cellar ceiling of my house on the Cape is falling apart, and I plan to replace it. Is 6 inches enough? Where should the vapor barrier go? How can I keep that fiberglass from disintegrating and dropping on the floor, it could be a hazard. — BILL MORRISON, Westwood.

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them out. Try this: Pry off the side stops; these are strips of wood 1-2 inch thick and 2 inches wide, and are nailed or screwed to the jamb the full height of the window. The side stop butts right up against the lower sash (movable part of the window). With one or two side stops off, you should be able to pull the window out and up. Once sashes are removed, plane or scrape off any paint that got on the edges of the sash and reinsert the sash. The edges of the sash, and the grooves in which they run, should not have paint.

The oil you applied may have swelled the sash, making it more difficult to move. Let the sash dry out, and don't use any more oil. If you want something to make the windows slide a little better, rub the jams and/or edges with soap.

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In organic gardening, creatures improve soil for plants

The Associated Press

RYTON-on-DUNSMORE, England—Snow scuds across a frosty hollow on the English Midlands, covering a layer of living creatures that will thaw with spring and help turn the frozen fields into a cornucopia.

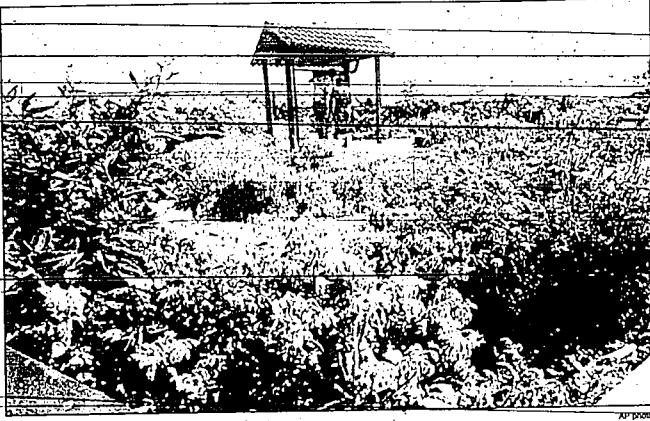
Too many gardeners ignore the work that hidden microorganisms—bacteria, worms, larvae and millipedes—do for them and instead heap chemical fertilizers on their gardens each spring, says Bob Sherman.

The head gardener at Ryton Organic Gardens—10 acres dedicated to environmentally friendly cultivation—wants to break gardeners of their dependence on chemicals.

"It's easy," he says. "It's just a different approach." Rather than wait for a problem to happen, then rushing off to buy the chemical that will cure it, we emphasize prevention and good management.

The Henry Doubleday Research Association, whose motto is "growing for a greener future," shows off its own gardens near Coventry—50 miles (145 km) northwest of London, to inspire others. The land was converted a decade ago from a riding school with broken-down fences and a mangled carpet of grass.

Ryton has a formal rose garden, alpine banks, shrub borders, colorful flower beds, a wildflower meadow and an array of fruits and vegetables—many of which are served in delicious meals at its award-winning restaurant.



The 10 acres of Ryton Organic Gardens at Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Warwickshire, England, are grown using environmentally friendly techniques. The gardens are run by the Henry Doubleday Research Association, the largest organic organization in Europe.

"It's a myth that organic vegetables have to look ugly—all holes and half eaten," says Anna Corbett, a gardener and adviser at Ryton. England's most famous convert is Prince Charles, who has sought

advice from the association to change Highgrove, his farm and estate, to organic and traditional techniques.

"I remain astonished at just how many other farmers still look at

by, effectively and attractively without using chemical fertilizers or pesticides, is the association's message. But simply avoiding these products is not the essence of organic gardening.

You must take care of the soil by feeding its living creatures so that they can improve the soil structure and fertility, which in turn leads to healthy plant growth," Corbett says.

"The association recommends keeping soil well supplied with organic matter, through regular applications of compost and manures. Both stimulate the countless bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms that convert minerals into a form that plants can use.

Pointing to rows of more than a dozen compost bins, she says, "This is very much the heart of an organic garden, the recycling of organic waste."

A worm-filled bin turns kitchen and garden waste into a light, crumbly and rich compost. Another bin is for leaf mold, a rich mixture consisting largely of decayed leaves.

To show the effects of the different blends, the association treats side-by-side gardens with manure, leaf mold and nothing. The leaf mold produces crops quickly but with thin stems, the manure yields a slower start but a better crop by harvest time.

"Everything is not only good for your garden, it saves money and space in landfills," Corbett says.

Next on the list: Stop using pesticides.

"If you do have a problem, there is a temptation to get a chemical spray. But that is a false economy. In the long run, it is much more cost-effective because you end up killing the good with the bad," Corbett says.

Creating diversity in the garden will lessen the chances of one creature getting out of hand. "If an organic system is working well, then you should not need pesticides," she says. "A problem will never get to an epidemic proportion."

The association recommends growing flowers to attract good insects, then sifting back and letting nature do most of the pest control for you.

Only a few insects do any damage, and among the rest are many that devour garden pests, especially green fly. These include hover flies, lacewings, ladybugs, parasitic wasps, predatory mites, spiders, ground beetles, centipedes, and earwigs.

If you have room, add a pond to attract frogs and birds, which will eat insects and grubs in the soil in winter, Corbett says.

Safe cover should be provided for ground-dwelling insect predators such as beetles, centipedes and earwigs. They prefer the dark, moist soil conditions found beneath ground-cover plants or under pieces of wood or plant debris.

When all else fails, "sometimes you have to give in gracefully," Corbett says. It doesn't make sense to plug a slug-susceptible plant in a slug-ridden corner.

With proper care, conditions bulbs can bloom every year

The Associated Press

HILLEGOM, Netherlands—Every year, thousands of tourists who visit Holland's flower fields purchase tulip, daffodil and other flowering bulbs for their gardens at home.

Others order flowering bulbs from catalogs or purchase them at local gardening outlets.

For novice or expert gardeners, the choice of flowering bulbs is an excellent one. These perennial plants can produce lovely flowers year after year and are varied enough in color, shape and blooming season to please almost anyone.

They are also very easy to grow, because bulbs are actually tiny, self-contained plants, rather than seeds. When they are placed in the ground at the right time of year and with proper conditions, they are almost guaranteed to bloom.

However, getting the bulbs to produce year after year can be tricky if your garden doesn't happen to be located in the foothills of the Himalayas or the steppes of Eastern Turkey, where many of these favorite flowers originated.

Many gardeners are content to treat the bulbs as annuals, replanting each year. But, with proper care and nurturing, the bulbs can actually flourish as perennials anywhere, climate conditions approximate those of their natural habitat—with cold winters and hot, dry summers.

The sandy, wet lowlands of Holland, where Dutch cultivators have been successfully growing and hybridizing tulips and other bulbs for 400 years (1994 marks the 400th anniversary of the first tulip that bloomed in Dutch soil) is a case in point.

"Through centuries of cultivation, Dutch growers have developed special techniques for treating tulip bulbs so they produce exceptionally well each year," says Franz Roosen, technical director for the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom.

"We subject plant stock to a series of summer before planting that almost perfectly replicates the tulip's native habitat. By the time the bulbs are tucked into the soil for their winter's sleep, they've been fooled into 'thinking' they've been through another summer drought in the Himalayas. Of course, we don't recommend that non-professionals attempt this, but there are measures that all gardeners can take to assure perennial performance."

Roosen advises gardeners who wish to maximize yield year after year choose tulips or other bulbs that are designated good for "naturalizing" or "perennializing."

In general, species or botanical tulips and their hybridized strains—those that have not been extensively cross-bred and are therefore closest to the bulbs found in nature—are best bets for perennializing.

The Netherlands Flower Bulb Institute lists in its booklet, "Guidelines for the Utilization of Flowering Bulbs as Perennial Plants in North American Landscapes," an appealing variety of 72 tulip bulbs with potential for perennializing in North America.

Among those most highly recommended are single early tulips such as the early-spring-blooming pink Christmas Marvel and the mid-spring-blooming red and yellow Keizerkroon, trumpet tulips such as the mid-spring-blooming red and white Merry Widow



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Planting at the proper time is essential. Tulips and other spring-flowering bulbs must be planted in the fall so they can undergo a natural "cold treatment" in the ground during the winter. The cold weather triggers a chemical reaction within the bulb that causes the blooming process to begin.

The precise month for planting spring-blooming bulbs varies within eleven climate zones in U.S., according to U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines. Bulb packaging usually indicates when bulbs should be planted in specific climate zones, or instructions are available from professional growers.

Properly prepare the area you intend to plant. Well-drained soil is essential for perennializing; wet soil can promote fungus and disease and can rot bulbs. Adding organic matter such as shredded pine bark, compost or peat moss can facilitate drainage in areas where soil tends to be too moist.

Plant bulbs at the proper depth. Eight inches, measured from the base of the bulb, is standard. If you plan to add mulch to the surface after planting, include the depth of the mulch in the eight inches. For example, if the depth of the added mulch is 3 inches, plant your bulbs 5 inches deep in the soil.

Water your bulbs after planting. Although standing water can cause bulbs to rot or, in extreme cold, to freeze, sufficient water is necessary for them to begin to grow. A good watering immediately after planting is essential to assure development of a sturdy root system before the plant goes into winter dormancy.

In the spring, after the flowers begin to fade, clip off the flower heads and allow the green foliage to die back. This technique allows the plant to put all its energy into building a strong bulb for next season's bloom.

Fertilize at the time of planting and each fall thereafter with a low nitrogen fertilizer such as well-rotted manure or special bulb fertilizer.

In spring, when the first shoots appear, use a high nitrogen, fast-release fertilizer to enhance future performance. For further information on techniques for perennializing tulips and other flowering bulbs, contact the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center, 426 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231, (718) 596-5400. For information on special gardening tours to Holland, contact the Netherlands Tourist Board, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60611, (312) 819-0300.

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Form, ornamentation supersede doors' function, separate classes

The Washington Post

Which came first, the doorway or the door? History suggests that doorways had an edge on doors. Entrances and exits from rooms or homes appear to have been unadorned for centuries with movable material such as mats preventing access.

Once the idea of a door became reality, the function of the barrier often was superseded by its form or ornamentation. Fancy and massive doors, for example, were reserved for royalty, such as the double

doors of the palace of the Assyrian King Salmeser III (858-824 B.C.). Each door was 27 feet high and 8 feet wide and portrayed the kingdom's military history in pictorial detail on bronze sheets.

Ornamented doors separated the better sort from the common folk. Thin sheets of metal and wood design often were hammered onto wooden panels.

To form decorative doors, or doors would be carved from wood, especially by the 16th century, with the more-elaborate designs the mark of the high and mighty—especially for religious leaders whose church doors became the outward and manifest signs of their authority.

And as William Shakespeare pointed out in "Romeo and Juliet," church doors were impressive: "No, 'tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a church-door."

Not surprisingly, doors of the average house resident changed little over centuries. They were made of wood and simply paneled. Colonial Americans and an enormous supply of timber from which to make doors, and their heavy oak models illustrated strength, permanence and dignity of the structure and inhabitant.

But as the nation grew in the 19th century, a democratic variety of doors emerged. Frontier cabins, for instance, had makeshift doors held together by cross-pieces, with hinges made of leather and a doorknob consisting of a piece of wood hung over the door, a sign of hospitality that is reflected even now in the adage, "the latchstring is always out."

French visitor Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) on his journey to America in 1831 encountered such a frontier door and was impressed that, unlike in Europe, the entryway gave little inkling of the wealth of the owner.

"After passing over a fence of roughly shaped wood, not without the risk of being devoured by the owner's dogs, one reaches a cabin through whose walls a fire can be seen crackling on the hearth; one pushes open a door hung in leather thongs and having no lock; one enters a sort of savagery but which seems the refuge of every miscreant; there one finds a poor family living with the leisure of the rich."

The Industrial Revolution of the late 19th century in America provided inexpensive hardware such as hinges to hang or install a door, and the resulting mass-produced line of goods was affordable to most homeowners.

As Sears, Roebuck and Co. put it in its 1897 catalog: "When you build, let us furnish the doors, sash and blinds, as well as the hardware. We will save you enough to pay the painter or carpenter bill, possibly more." Sears' most-popular door was a four-panel model priced from \$1.10 to \$2.52. Even its more ornamented doors, such as the Queen Anne with a glazed glass top, was affordable at \$6.25.

Indeed, doors with glass insets—some stained—were a hot item in the late 19th century, often recommended by transplant windows. And because not all doors adhered to a standard size, firms arose to provide special-order products. As W. F. Swords of Bridgeport, Conn., advertised in 1876: "Manufacturer of Sash, Blinds, Doors... For all kinds of Buildings, done promptly at the shortest notice and in first-class manner. Send for estimate before having your work done elsewhere. Orders filled in any part of the country at prices which defy competition."

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Bill Alexander, landscape curator of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., says these visitors can create the beauty they capture in pictures of the estate's classic landscaping in their own gardens.

Photos capture flowers', gardens' beauty forever

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Photographs are a way to save beautiful flowers and gardens forever, says Bill Alexander, photo enthusiast and landscape curator for the Biltmore Estate.

Though Alexander can photograph some of the most exceptional landscape in the country — grounds designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and nature's designs in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina — he says that even a modest backyard garden with the right lighting and contours can offer opportunities for beautiful photographs.

He offers these tips for garden photography:

- Cloudy days can be a great time for shooting because the light is soft and evenly distributed. If it's sunny, you might use a flash to reduce dark shadow, especially in close-ups.

Good digging techniques can save body wear, tear

The Associated Press

Digging is an age-old process, but many gardeners overdo their efforts, defat themselves — and sometimes their backs — in the bargain.

"There is more to digging, shoveling and spading than grabbing a shovel or a fork and putting your muscles to work," writes horticulturalist Tom Vassale in the April issue of *Home Gardening* magazine. "If you use your brain and follow good digging technique, you can save yourself time, energy, and wear and tear on your body."

A basic rule is to make sure you do your work with bent knees. If you bend the waist and force your back to do all the work, bending the knee distributes the pressure and lets your leg muscles do more.

When digging, Vassale says, let gravity do most of the work. That means putting the tool's blade — not necessarily the handle — vertically into the soil, then stepping on the top of the blade to let your weight drive it in. Then lift out thin slices of soil from the sides of the hole.

"A fully loaded shovel strains backs and tires muscles. It also stresses tools," Vassale says.

Shoveling loose material requires a different stance, he says. That's because it's more horizontal. "Hold the shovel so its back is on the ground, and push it into the pile. Push from the end of the handle, not from the side." Spading technique is similar to digging, in that the blade should go straight down to the soil. Vassale uses the tool as a lever to lift and turn the soil. "I pull the handle toward me, push it down to the ground, and up comes the soil. Then I slide one hand forward, shifting my weight from my rear foot to my forward foot with my knees still bent, lift the head of the tool slightly, using my legs, and turn it over."

Whatever you do, don't work until you drop, he warns. "Exhausted workers trip over their own feet, drop loads and develop sloppy work habits," he says. "Leaning on your shovel now and then is not a sign of laziness. It's a great way to appreciate the portion of the job completed while drinking a glass of water."

Ancient trunk stands as monument to hope

By Audrey Woods
The Associated Press

SELBORNE, England — A terrible gale four years ago tore the Great Yew of Selborne from the spot where it had stood for 1,400 years and left it roots twined around human bones from medieval burials.

The tree was righted and replanted with expert advice, but after some early signs that it was rallying, the patient succumbed.

But the flimsy trunk — nearly 26 feet (8 meters) around — will remain where it stands as a monument to hope.

"Because it is such a monumental size, and we thought it might take root again," says Rev. James Anderson, vicar of Selborne, a village of about 700 souls 40 miles (65 km) southwest of London. "Yews are thought to be just about immortal. The oldest known tree in Britain is a yew at Fortinghall, Scotland, which is estimated at 1,500 to 3,000 years old. Its girth is over 50 feet (15 meters)."

The Selborne yew took root about the time St. Augustine arrived from Rome to persuade the locals to give up the worship of Woden, the Thor. When it reached its millennium, the navy of the first Queen Elizabeth had just defeated the Spanish Armada.

The Rev. Gilbert White mentioned the tree in his "Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne," published in 1788 and still a bible for nature lovers. He said its "aspect speaks it to be of great age." The body is squat, short and thick, and measures 23 feet (7 meters) in the girth, supporting a head of suitable extent to its bulk.

A naturalist and Selborne's most famous son, White was the spiritual forebear of thousands of Britons who pursue flora and fauna through field and stream on the weekends armed with butterfly nets, binoculars and field guides.

The great yew was certainly known to Jane Austen, who lived four miles (6 km) north at Chawton from 1809 to 1817, the last years of her life. In this quiet corner of Hampshire she wrote "Mansfield Park," "Emma" and "Persuasion," and revised and finally published "Pride and Prejudice," and "Sense and Sensibility."

As a letter to her sister Cassandra, written May 31, 1811, she told of the upcoming "gaicities of Tuesday (Ye 4th), on Selborne Common, where there are to be Volunteers (soldiers) and Felicities of all kinds."

She got to know Selborne in the decades after White's death and knew other members of his family, says Jean Bowden, curator of Jane Austen's House in Chawton. She knew White's brother, Benjamin, an antiquarian bookseller.

Gilbert White, who died June 26, 1793, is remembered by a window in the church that shows the yew in the background.

It would be hard to say if not for the gale that swept southern England the afternoon of Jan. 25, 1990.

"I just looked out of the window and I could see the tower of the church, which was normally obscured. And the tree had gone," says the vicar. "Experts said part of the tree might be saved if it were righted."

While preparations were made, archaeologists made a quick study of the disturbed burials — the earliest was from the 13th century — and preserved

the bones of about 30 people for reburial.

Students from the Merrist Wood Agricultural College sawed off the head of the tree. That reduced the burden on the remaining intact roots, not to mention lightening the load for the three-ton crane that would haul the yew upright.

A time capsule of 20th century odds and ends was slashed in the earth along with compost and fertilizer, and the split trunk was banded together and winched into place. The roots got a good soaking when the winching apparatus knocked a hole in a water main.

Much of the sawn-off wood was sold and made into carvings and souvenirs. Some was used to make a lute as a gift to the church, and phunks from the largest hough were taken by the furniture department of the Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education.

"We hope to have a side altar made from it," the vicar says. "Whether it will come to anything I don't know because the wood is of poor quality."

Shoots that appeared in the first two years gave hope that the arboreal first aid had worked.

But Forestry Authority dendrologist (tree scientist) John White decided late in 1992 that it had died. "By Christmas it was gone," he says.

The link with the past is not lost. Cuttings were taken from the live tree when it fell and some are being coddled at the Forestry Authority's research center. A vigorous one has been planted in the churchyard across from the medieval oak door to St. Mary's, with plenty of room to spread its boughs.

"I would expect, in 15 to 20 years, you'd be able to sit in its shade," White says.

Gardening book offers practical guide, pictures

The Associated Press

Like things that grow in the garden, some books are practical, some are beautiful to look at. A selection of what's new:

"The American Horticultural Society Encyclopedia of Gardening" (Dorling Kindersley) is a mammoth opus of the subject, which the publisher says is the largest project in its history. Conceived and produced under the direction of Christopher Brickell of Britain's Royal Horticultural Society, this edition was adapted for the American market by Elvira McDonald of the AHS and Trevor Cole. The book is filled with practical instruction on gardening techniques, planning and maintenance; it runs 648 pages and has 3,500 color photographs and illustrations.

Another big gardening book is the 600-page "Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening" (Houghton Mifflin), to be published this fall. The illustrated encyclopedia will cover 1,000 of the best plants to grow in every region of the country. Also new in the Taylor series are "Taylor's Guide to Shade Gardening," edited by Frances Tansbaum, and the revised edition of "Taylor's Guide to Roses," which the publisher says is the most popular title in the series.

A longtime favorite with gardeners, "Illustrated Guide to Gardening" (Reader's Digest Books) recently was updated and has practical instructions on growing; pest, disease and weed control; and charts to help you choose, grow and propagate plants.

Two new titles from Reader's Digest include "The Complete Book of Bulbs, Corms, Tubers and Rhizomes" and "The Sunroom Garden." The former focuses on naturalizing to create a garden area that looks as close to nature as possible, using bulbs, plants through different seasons. The latter, by Anne Switthink, is a guide to planting and maintaining plants grown under glass.

"The Garden Room" (Clarkson Potter) by Timothy Mosson, is another look at interior gardening, this one detailing 20 sun rooms, open terraces or outdoor structures.

"The Natural Habitat Garden" (Clarkson Potter) by Ken Druse with Margaret Roush offers gardeners guidance on how to create native-plant gardens that can increase biodiversity — encouraging natural havens for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. The illustrated book discusses possibilities in grasslands, drylands, wetlands and woodlands.

Aimed at the beginner, "Beautiful Easy

Gardens" and "Beautiful Easy Lawns and Landscapes" (Globe Pequot) by Laurence Stribke helps the gardener organize gardening projects into manageable regimens.

"Seeds of Change" (HarperSan Francisco) by Kenny Ausubel is another book aimed at achieving biodiversity in the garden. This is a background on the movement to interconnect environmental, health and nutrition concerns. The book also includes recipes using ingredients from the organic garden.

To the casual observer, plants are still life studies. But they're not so passive after all, says Arthur W. Galston, who demonstrates "Life Processes of Plants" (W. H. Freeman). He offers explanations of how plants grow, how they use food, react to chemicals, stress and environment, how they protect themselves, how they know winter is coming, when to germinate and when to blossom, and yes, how they move.

Roses may be the most popular flower of history, and much of that history is covered in "Rose Gardens" (Henry Holt) by Jane Fearey-Whittingall. Besides being appreciated by the ancient Greeks, chosen as a symbol by the medievalists, the rose still attracts the gardener and naturalist alike in its cultivated and wild forms.

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Oxford's admirable college gardens grow history

By Audrey Woods
The Associated Press

OXFORD, England — Between the Thames and the River Cherwell, Oxford spreads green and gold in the sun, its velvety lawns and meadows scattered among the spires and stone quadrangles of the university.

The cloisters and gardens of Oxford's oldest colleges have been offering scholars a place for peaceful study and contemplation for seven centuries.

Some of the newer ones, too, have admirable gardens. For example, St. Hugh's, founded in 1886, is a women's college, but its large garden where, between the wars, tutor Annie Rogers developed a wild garden, shrubberies, winding paths and a terrace garden.

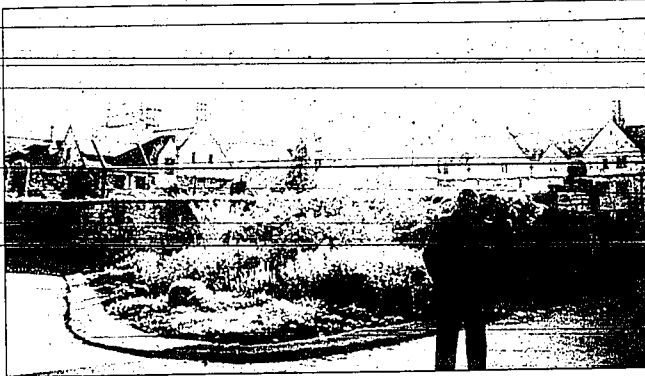
There are 35 colleges at the university now, and the luckiest have fine gardens. Most fortunate of all are Worcester, Magdalen, Trinity and St. John's, which were built outside the walls of the medieval market town and weren't restricted by the narrow streets.

Worcester College has a secluded lake and ornately carved stone benches where students can sit and watch the college ducks.

The large gardens at St. John's include a famous rockery and wide lawns where drifts of purple and lavender crocuses blossom in February with the first of the snowdrops.

Christ Church College, built within the town walls, has a literary link of universal appeal.

All who have read "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and



The buildings of Oxford's Magdalen College rise behind one of the college gardens' herbaceous beds on a crisp autumn day.

"Alice Through the Looking Glass" will have shared some of the joy of a childhood in the Christ Church gardens.

The stories were written in the mid-19th century for Alice Liddell, daughter of the college dean, by mathematics tutor the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, whose pen name was Lewis Carroll.

Alice's door is still in the Deanery garden, and so is the chestnut tree

where "Drink the cat" and "Listen to the Caterpillar" were first and last to the storytelling," wrote Mavis Bates in "Oxford Gardens."

It is not certain, she wrote, whether the rabbit hole was in the garden or the river bank, "but it was undeniably at Christ Church, through the 'river' books, that Lewis Carroll captured for all time the wonder of childhood and its 'unending happy summer days.'"

Today's children still can walk

where "Drink the cat" and "Listen to the Caterpillar" were first and last to the storytelling," wrote Mavis Bates in "Oxford Gardens."

Founded in 1621 as a physic garden for the study of medicinal plants, Oxford's Botanic Garden is one of the oldest in the world. It remains a center for horticulture and a haven from the traffic of High Street.

There are formal beds, a walled garden, hothouses with tropical plants,

and a walk along the Cherwell.

Across the High Street at the foot of Magdalen Bridge is Magdalen (pronounced Maudlin) College, founded in 1558 and blessed with 80 acres including a deer park and lovely, tree-shaded riverside paths called Addison's Walk. They are named after 18th century essayist Joseph Addison, a fellow of Magdalen, who delighted in his strolls there.

Despite encounters with the 20th century plagues of vandalism and petty theft, Magdalen welcomes the public to its gardens.

You enter through a wooden door in a wall of pale, honey-colored stone and walk among the college's splendid buildings to the cloister.

There, a covered walkway surrounds a rectangle of perfect lawn. "Grotesques" carved in the stonework in the early 16th century represent the virtues and vices and biblical figures. Goliath is there with a pebble in his forehead, and David with his sling. If you go in early summer you may see the huge wisteria in bloom on one wall, its pale purple panicles of blossom scenting the whole cloister.

A passageway opens onto the gardens.

Across the pristine lawns are the New Buildings (new in the 1730s), which have another magnificent wisteria and benches where students can read and sit in the sun.

A shade, 193-year-old plane tree hugs the westward path that runs between the deer park and herbaceous beds.

Eastward from the plane tree, the path goes to the River Cherwell. A tall wrought-iron gateway, flanked by col-

orful herbaceous borders, opens onto a small bridge across the river, which is very narrow at this point. A path shaded by chestnut trees runs along the Cherwell, brambles, ferns, periwinkle and long grass thick along its banks.

A wooden bridge crosses the water into the Fellows' Garden, richly planted with shrubs and trees. At the bridge you can turn for a fine view of Magdalen's 144-foot tower, across the meadow where the deer graze.

In spring the water meadow is one of Magdalen's glories, covered in drifts of snakeshead fritillaries that have grown there for centuries — "since medieval times," anyway," says Magdalen's youthful head gardener Tony Young.

"They used to be everywhere along the Thames basin," he said. But when farming practices changed, many were lost. Magdalen's is one of the biggest concentrations of snakeshead fritillaries in England.

Young, who came to Magdalen six years ago when he was only 25, tends the gardens with a staff of six.

His responsibilities include the 60 deer that graze in the meadow in summer after the fritillaries have finished and gone to seed.

"We have to wait for them to seed so we can actually cut until July," he explained. "It has to be cut in the old-fashioned way — bound-up and let-the-seeds drop."

Then the deer keep the meadow trimmed and fertilize it with manure at the same time. It is a water meadow and the Cherwell floods it, enriching the soil with silt. And so it has gone for centuries, providing a natural preserve for the fritillaries.

Better your lawn with tips

The Associated Press

Your lawn may be less than perfect, with bare spots, thin turf and too many weeds. Improve it with these tips from garden experts at the Toro Company.

- Start over from scratch. If your lawn is more than 50 percent weeds, till the old turf under and re-seed with new, improved cultivars like tall fescues. These grasses have long roots that resist drought damage and need less mowing and fertilizing.

- Get the best grass for your area. The county extension agent or your local gardening center probably have good suggestions. Skip the generic bagged named varieties of seed — you'll get you to best quality.

- Set your mower blades lower in early spring. That will collect surface debris on the lawn. If you have more than an inch or so of thatch — those tangled surface roots that can choke the lawn — use a special rake or an attachment that can be mowed to the front of the mower.

- Scrape bare and thin spots with a metal rake and apply a mixture of top soil and seed. Then put a light layer of

straw over to keep the seed from blowing or being eaten by birds. Keep the area moist for at least a week and avoid mowing until the seed is established.

- If your soil is clay-type and dense, rent a core aerator. This takes out plugs of soil that will allow air, water and nutrients to reach the grass roots. The plugs can be left on the lawn, where they will break down in a week or so and help reduce the thatch layer.

- When the grass starts greening and the weather turns warmer, raise the cutting height of your mower blades so that only about a third of the blades are being cut each time. Mulch the clippings by using an adaptor for that purpose or with a mulched mower that chops them up repeatedly so that they break down almost immediately after they're returned to the turf.

- Fertilize in mid to late spring with a slow-release, naturally based fertilizer that will encourage deep-root growth. Dense roots will help choke out weeds and reduce the need for pesticides. Using fast-release fertilizers offers a quick cosmetic greening, but it also causes excess top growth that will require more mowing.

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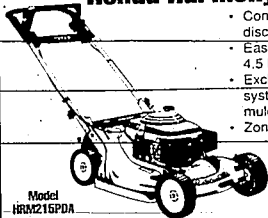


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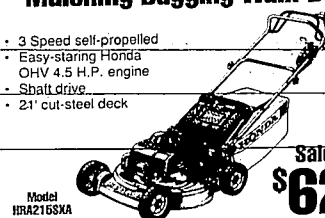
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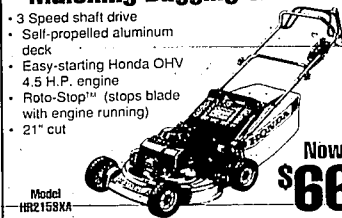
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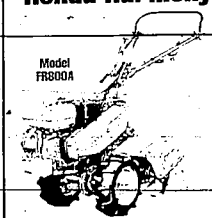
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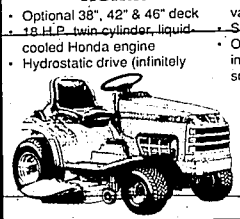
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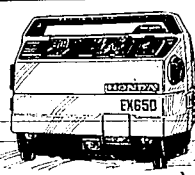
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Performance record could help you become better gardener

By Nancy Brachey
Knight-Ridder News Service

The daffodils are blooming — bold and gorgeous. And you're struggling to remember the names of the prettiest.

Or you peruse the seed catalogs and ponder varieties: Was the lettuce that was so successful last spring Green Ice or Red Sailor? Which was the green bean that was truly wonderful? Kentucky Blue or Kentucky Wonder?

And the cat o'ir that wonderful, carefree miniature rose — suddenly leaping out — got blown away in the winter. Was it Little Artist or Little Eskimo?

Memory fails. One forgets. Facts slip out of the brain and don't come back.

That's when a garden record helps.

Names are written down. Performance, be it good or bad, is recorded; gaps in the flowering year are noted for future action.

This sort of record-keeping shouldn't be complicated or lengthy. It's not your tax file. The IRS will not be looking it over.

What it should do is help you become a better gardener.

You can find seeds of books and notebooks designed to help gardeners keep records. They have pages for such things as planting dates, first bloom, harvest poundage, names of varieties and jottings. They are all quite lovely, and make the note-keeping special.

But a simple, inexpensive notebook — like one students use for class notes — can be just as helpful. Or you could use a computer disk.

Evaluations. Don't make this complicated.

A simple report on the performance and productivity will be helpful next year...

These evaluations may be a phrase, sentence or paragraph, but they should be succinct and reflect your own taste and judgment.

A garden notebook has four basic components:

Names. You should write down what you plant, recording names (six Nellie Stevens lilies), dates (December 1993) and places (hedge along back property line). This sort of information will prove handy should you wish to replace plants in years to come.

Listing the names of annual

flowers and vegetables you plant will also be helpful next year when you are selecting new seeds and want to repeat the star performers and avoid the duds.

Just make a list. Don't depend on saving the seed envelopes; it's too easy to lose or toss them.

Writing down the names also helps you learn to identify plants, but even the most accomplished gardener doesn't depend solely

on memory — or plastic name tags that tend to deteriorate.

Evaluations. Don't make this complicated. A simple report on the performance and productivity will be helpful next year. For example: How long did the Sugar Snap peas produce? Were the first Better Boy tomatoes ready for harvest? Did the begonias in shade grow and bloom better than the ones on the sunny side of the house?

These evaluations may be a phrase, sentence or paragraph, but they should be succinct and reflect your own taste and judgment.

You may have gotten a bumper crop of something — but if you didn't like it, cut it, what's the point of growing it next year? Did the zinnias do poorly because they were planted in a shady spot?

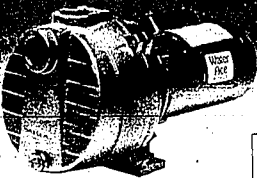
A note will remind you to put them in a different place next year.

Schedule. Write down the tasks you do through the year: evergreen pruning on a fine winter day; rose pruning in early March; planting in late September or early October; bulb planting in November. Weedkiller applications. Everything.

You may want to refer to the regularity of transfer such tasks to the kitchen or desk calendar that you look at regularly.

Observations. Here is where you can record things you see and learn about gardening, your own and others. Note eggs in the flower garden, so that you can fill them at planting time. Write down names of plants you admire while visiting public and private gardens.

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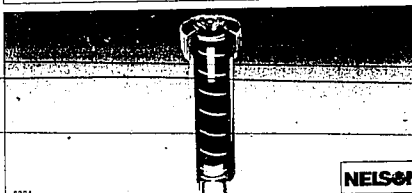
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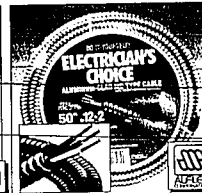


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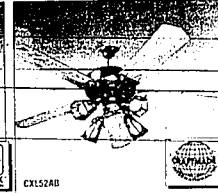
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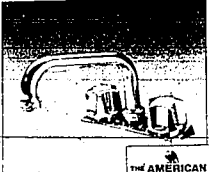
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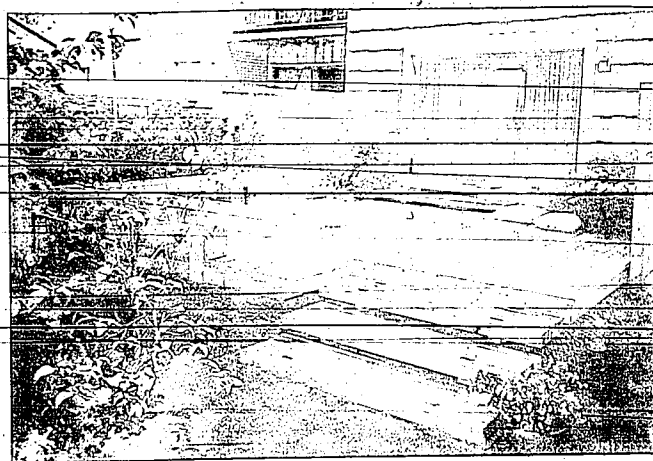
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Know names of toxic plants at home, poisons' symptoms

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The 2-year-old Miami boy, left alone to play outside, became fascinated with the white-capped mushrooms

with brownish flecks. They looked just like the mushrooms his mommy put on his plate at dinner. So he took one bite, then another and another.

By the time his mother found him, he was delirious, and his pupils were dilated. By the time he reached Jackson Memorial Hospital's emergency room, the screaming child was in kidney failure. Although the doctors had a sample of the mushrooms, they couldn't begin treatment until they identified the poison.

A frantic call went out to Florida's premiere poison plant detective, Julia Morton, Ph.D.

She identified the mushrooms as the green gill variety (Lepiota morgani), native mushrooms that spring up in rings on grassy lawns and golf courses after rainy periods.

"The story had a happy ending," Morton said. "They pumped his stomach, and he responded to treatment."

We have had numerous cases of adult men and women cooking and eating these mushrooms and suffering the consequences, vomiting and diarrhea, as long as six hours. When they've eaten raw, the illness can terminate with renal bleeding.

Morton, head of a botany information service at the University of Miami, has been a consultant to Florida poison control centers and emergency rooms for the past 40 years. She has seen numerous adverse reactions from exposure to or ingestion of plants. For example:

A 4-year-old boy developed symptoms of heart failure after pulling leaves from a neighbor's oleander (Nerium oleander) and licking the sap from his fingers.

A man who had gone to an herbalist for treatment of a backache became intoxicated and started barking like a dog and yelling. The culprit: Angel's trumpet (Brugmansia X candida). A toddler fascinated with the bright red seeds of the rosy pea vine (Abrus precatorius) ate a handful. If dry and hard, the seeds will pass through the body naturally. But if soft, they can be digested and cause death. Morton insisted the child be given a laxative to expel the seeds. The child survived.

A 1992 report from the American Association of Poison Control Centers lists plants as the fifth most common cause of human poisoning, after cleaning substances, analgesics, cosmetics and cough and cold preparations. Sixty to 70 percent of the victims are children younger than 6, according to Dr. Maureen Frenia, a pharmacist and assistant director of the Florida Poison Information Center in Jacksonville.

"Plant poisoning is common because

Find out more

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

Want more information on potentially poisonous plants? Here's a source:

"Baby-Safe Houseplants and Cut Flowers" by John and Delores Alber (Storey Publishing, \$12.95) is a guide to identifying dangerous plants. It also tells what the first-aid measures to take if your child eats a toxic plant. To order, call 1-800-441-5700.

the plants are really accessible to children, especially when they are outside playing in the summer," Frenia said. "The bright-colored flowers or berries make them especially attractive."

Symptoms range from skin irritation and vomiting to delirium and death. But for the most part, deaths are rare.

The typical victim is a 1-year-old who was found chewing a philodendron or dieffenbachia, says Susan Normann, administrative and clinical director of the Florida Poison Information Center in Tampa. These plants contain oxalate crystals, which may concentrate in the kidneys and cause systemic poisoning.

"When children bite into the crystals, they lodge in the mouth and cause pain and swelling and sometimes drooling," Frenia said. "The worst case scenario is suffocation, but it usually doesn't get to this point."

Most poisonings cases can be handled over the phone, but the biggest obstacle poison control centers face is improper plant identification. If the parent doesn't know the botanical name, the child may have to have a painful stomach pumping.

John I. Alber, co-author of "Baby-Safe Houseplants and Cut Flowers" (Storey Publishing, \$12.95), suggests parents go to a nursery to get plant samples identified. Buy plant tags at the nursery, write the names with indelible marker and tag each plant. Alber said tags are preferable to plant stakes, which small children are likely to remove from the soil.

Alber said it's important to know the Latin names, rather than the common names.

"For some reason, plants with an odd or unpleasant characteristic get called mother-in-law's plant," he said. "It's a classic example of how plants are named. If you call the poison control center and say your child has eaten a mother-in-law's plant, they won't know if it is the plant used to tip poison arrows or an innocuous plant."

Also, one plant may have a variety of common names. Monstera deliciosa may be known as the monsteria, bread-

These plants are baby-safe

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

You don't have to sacrifice the beauty of houseplants in order to baby-proof your home. The following examples of low-risk plants comes from "Baby-Safe Houseplants & Cut Flowers" (Storey Publishing, \$12.95) by John I. Alber and Delores M. Alber:

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum - artemisia, butterfly palm, cane palm, golden butterfly palm, Madagascar palm.

Ficus benjamina - fig, weeping fig, java fig, benjamin tree, small-leaved rubber tree.

Bromelia species - heart-of-flame and volcano plant.

Coleus species - coleus.

Crassula argentea - jade plant, jade tree, baby jade, dollar plant, cauliflower ears, Chinese rubber plant, dwarf rubber plant, Japanese rubber plant.

Chlorophytum comosum - spider plant, ribbon plant, and trailing antherinum.

Plectranthus species - Swedish ivy, Swedish begonia, prostrate coleus, spur flower.

Tradescantia fluminensis - wandering jew and variegated wandering jew.

fruit vine, ceriman, ceriman de Mejico, cut leaf philodendron, fruit salad plant, hurricane plant, Mexican breadfruit, pinanona, casiman, shingle plant, split leaf philodendron, Swiss cheese plant, window plant and window leaf.

"If there is any doubt about the identity of a plant, always assume it is highly toxic and act accordingly," Alber said.

And always be prepared for the worst. Alber said parents need to stock first aid supplies for poisoning - syrup of ipecac (which induces vomiting) and activated charcoal (which absorbs toxins and makes them ineffective). They are available at any well-stocked pharmacy.

Normann at the Florida Poison Control Center in Tampa agreed it is wise to eliminate toxic plants if small children are in the household. This means no oleander or angel's trumpet in the yard and no dieffenbachia hybrids or elephant's ears indoors.

"It's not sufficient to go through your house and make plants safe," warned author Alber. "You still have to watch small children. A common problem is obstruction of the esophagus. You can't abandon a child in a room full of plants. It's too tempting for a young child."

Design own deck with kits

Are you looking for extra living space and a way to add value and enjoyment to your home? A redwood deck can provide the natural setting for casual entertaining, outdoor dining and relaxed evenings. You can design and build a sophisticated custom deck yourself with the help of the California Redwood Association's new "Redwood Design-A-Deck Plans Kit."

Planning. Consider your site - wind direction, slope of ground and amount of sun and shade desired. Determine the availability of water and electrical outlets and other fixed conditions. Be sure to locate your utility lines and to check local building codes and regulations to determine guidelines and restrictions.

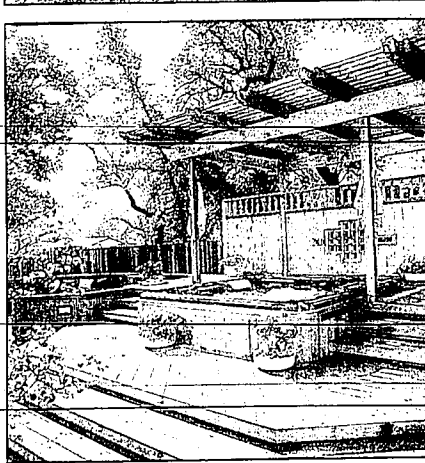
Think about how you will use your redwood deck. For instance, building the deck in several levels or sections defines activity areas and adds design interest. A barbecue center with redwood storage cabinets and serving counters is a useful addition. Built-in redwood benches cut down on furniture clutter and create inviting conversation areas. Gardening enthusiasts can add redwood planters and a garden work-and-storage counter. Consider a redwood shade shelter if you have strong sun exposure or a screen for privacy from neighboring houses.

Designing. Consider your lifestyle - modular deck sections in various shapes and sizes can be arranged and rearranged on a grid showing your house and yard dimensions. You can make your deck flat or tiered, square, rectangular or angular. You can conform to a hilly site, turn corners and build around trees or a spa.

Shopping. It is important to buy the right hardware for your deck. The California Redwood Association recommends top-quality, hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum nails and fasteners for use with redwood. Inferior hardware can react with redwood's natural extractives to create stains.

For long-lasting good looks and performance, apply a water repellent finish containing a mildewicide and ultra-violet light inhibitor. The finish can be clear or pigmented. To protect the understructure, apply the finish to all surfaces of lumber before you begin to build.

Order the Redwood Design-A-Deck Plans Kit by sending \$19.50 to the California Redwood Association, Department DK-94, 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949.



Photos courtesy California Redwood Association

You can design and build your own deck with a "Redwood Design-A-Deck Plans Kit." Above, are three decks that were made using the kit.

Enter deck in contest

A redwood deck addition is a good investment in increased home value and outdoor enjoyment, but this year it can also be lucrative in a more tangible way. The California Redwood Association and "Home Mechanix" magazine are co-sponsoring a national 1994 redwood deck contest. Winners will receive cash prizes, ranging from \$750 to \$2,000, and valuable merchandise.

To enter the contest, send in snapshots of your deck, along with a sketch and brief written description. Photographs of the winners will be featured in a 1995 story in Home Mechanix magazine. Deadline for entries is Sept. 30.

For more contest information and an entry blank, check with your redwood lumber yard, watch summer issues of Home Mechanix or contact the California Redwood Association, 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949. Call (415) 382-0662 for more information.

Buried oil tanks expensive to replace

Knight-Ridder News Service

O. I have a 550-gallon oil tank buried in my front lawn that supplies our furnace. There is apparently a great deal of debris and sediment in the tank, since our oil-burner lines clog frequently. Could this mean the tank is deteriorated or leaking? How can we test for a leaking tank? — A. Magliner.

A. Buried oil tanks pose a real dilemma for some homeowners. Removing and replacing a buried tank is expensive - \$3,000 or more by one estimate - and if the tank is leaking there are more complications, since some environmental-protection laws also require that oil-contaminated soil be removed.

Some heating-oil dealers use an air-pressure device to test a tank for leaks. The tank can hold a steady pressure for a specified time, it should not have leaks. This is not a test of tank condition, however; the tank could start leaking two weeks later.

John Kuebler, general manager of Meenan Oil Inc. in Tullytown, Pa., says there are several other clues to a leaking underground tank. If a buried tank leaks, it will take on water that will get into the oil lines and prevent the burner from working properly. Some oil in the soil will also be forced to the surface by water, and an oil odor might be detected in the vicinity of the tank.

Sludge or debris in the tank or oil lines is not a sign of a leak, however.

The age of a buried oil tank is not necessarily a clue to deterioration. Oil dealers have told me that they have seen 30-year-old tanks in fine condition. If the soil is a type that can cause corrosion, though, a tank might fail in a

relatively short time.

In some areas, depending on local codes, buried oil tanks can be "abandoned in place" rather than removed. Oil and sludge is pumped out of the tank, and the tank is filled with a concrete-slug or sand. This procedure is sometimes used if the tank is in a position where removal would be difficult, or if the homeowner wants to switch to a different fuel or to an above-ground tank.

If a problem with an underground tank is suspected, the best bet before making a decision is to discuss it with several oil dealers or heating contractors who are experienced in tank removal and installation.

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Today's residential fencing keeps rover in, rovers out

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Today's fences are more than just property-line markers.

"They can shut out a neighbor, derelict car collection, keep unwanted dogs out, keep your own dog in or add a decorative touch to the yard's landscape," said Jim Turner, a compliance officer at the office of the Twin Falls building inspector. "They can also be landscaping - evergreen-bushes, small trees."

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"There should be a way for that drainage to reach its natural end," he said.

Layout plans

To build your own fence, the first step is to set the corner and end posts, advised Rex Higley of Higley's Lumber in Heyburn. Unless it is a "good neighbor" fence, your fence should be set inside your own property line, according to survey markers.

When the key points are set, Higley said, string a level line between them and set the rest of the posts along the line. If the land slopes significantly, then the string line should follow the slope rather than the level.

"Posts are usually set 2 1/2 or 3 feet deep," Higley explained. "I'mp gravel and set the bottom of each post to make it more solid and use a level on two sides of the post to make sure it is plumb, front to back and side to side."

"Most people set the posts eight feet apart with eight-foot rails, or 16-foot rails, which makes the fence a little bit stronger," Higley said.

A diagonal brace should be added for gate posts, and gates should also have a diagonal brace. Rails can be nailed to the posts along a level string line, Higley

said, or set in the saddle of fence clips that are nailed between the posts.

To make this rail fence into a privacy fence, boards (usually two-by-fours) can be nailed onto the rails in a variety of ways.

Higley said the boards can be set on alternate sides or can be set in a line to make a solid wall. "That's just the basics," he said. "There are a lot of different ways to build fences. A person could go on (telling how) for days."

From solid to invisible, installation of fences is usually left to the professionals. But, for those who want to build their own fences, a wide variety of books are available at libraries and stores to tell the many details of getting a fence straight, level, solid and beautiful to see. Further advice is available from businesses that sell the supplies and from a few friendly professional installers.

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A three-rail wooden pole fence with posts installed, costs \$4.15 per foot, Taylor said. Machine-doweled rail fencing costs \$4.75 per foot, while the more custom hand-doweled rail fence costs \$6.05.

On rocky ground where post hole digging is a problem, Taylor suggests the "jack" fence, made of crossed poles on the ground. This five-foot high barrier costs about \$4.90 per foot.

Just for looks, ornamental split rail cedar fences on corners and other areas are a common touch for about \$5 per foot.

For the do-it-yourself builder

who wants a rail fence, Penta Post in Hagerman sells posts for \$1 to \$14 each. Rails 17 to 21 feet long are priced at \$7 to \$12.

Taylor said vinyl rail fencing is becoming popular because it is maintenance-free and has a 20-year guarantee. For pasture fence, it costs about \$9 per foot. A vinyl picket fence costs \$14 per foot, and a high privacy fence costs \$22 to \$24 per running foot.

Chain link

For more than 25 years, Lynn Stevenson of Magic Valley Fence in Wendell has been building chain link fences for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

With numerous improvements over the years, these metal fences are now safe, rust-proof, maintenance-free and long lasting, he said. They can be made into solid fences with permanent vinyl inserts that come in a variety of colors.

Average cost of installed chain link fencing for residential use, Stevenson said, is just over \$1 per foot per height of the fence. For example, a four-foot high fence is \$4.25 per running foot. The vinyl slats cost about \$5 per running foot for a six-foot high fence.

Heavier gauges of chain link, often topped with razor wire, are used for security fences in com-

mercial and industrial areas, Stevenson said. Tennis court fences, at 12-feet, are the highest.

Invisible

For pet containment, an electronic fence system serves the purpose without interfering with the looks of a yard.

Invisible Fences of Boise sells underground cables, buried about three inches deep, that dogs learn not to cross.

For training, a dog wears a collar with a receiver that makes an audible tone when the dog nears the boundary cable. At first, flags mark the line so the dog can see it and learn where it is. If the dog crosses the line, an electrical sensation (approved by veterinarians and the humane society) will send Rover home.

"It's more of an annoyance than anything else, so the dog will stay where it's supposed to," said Sandy Davis, spokesperson for the company. "Training is a big part of having the system be successful."

Cost of this invisible fencing, she said, is \$915 to enclose approximately one acre, or a perimeter of 500 feet. The price includes dog training service. Cost without installation or training is \$715.

Molded window shutters can easily perk up a home's exterior

Knight-Ridder News Service

Molded window shutters are an easy and relatively inexpensive way to give a spring dressing-up to the exterior of a house.

The shutters, made of durable plastics such as polypropylene and polystyrene, are available in many colors at home centers and building-supply dealers.

Colors are generally molded into the plastic so there is no peeling or chipping of paint - a constant problem with old wood shutters. Many plastic shutters can be painted if a special color is desired, however.

In deference to custom, most plastic shutters have a wood-grain pattern molded into the finish. When viewed from a few feet away, it is difficult to distinguish a wood-grained plastic shutter from a freshly painted wood shutter.

Molded shutters are purely decorative. They are fastened in place with screws but, unlike hinged shutters, cannot be closed over the windows for protection or privacy.

Molded shutters are made in two basic styles, one style with horizontal louvers, the other with raised panels. Louvered shutters are appropriate

with most styles of houses. The louvers are molded in a partly open position so they cast attractive shadow lines on sunlit days.

Raised-panel shutters, with decorative panels similar to the raised panels on many doors, are best suited to Colonial-styled houses.

Some manufacturers make shutters in a wide variety of depths to fit various window sizes, but offer only one width. For example, all shutters in Georgia-Pacific's new Savannah line are 14 inches wide, while depths range from 27 to 80 inches. For more information on Savannah shutters, call 800-264-5347.

Shutters in 14-inch or 15-inch widths, the sizes most often carried in stock by home centers and other dealers, look fine on standard windows with a 28-inch or 30-inch width, and don't appear out of place even on somewhat wider windows. However, narrow shutters can have an incongruous appearance if used to flank a 6-foot-wide picture window, as they sometimes are. Homeowners must use their own judgment in determining which arrangements work best.

A few shutter manufacturers make shutters in widths of up to 18 inches, and as narrow as 12 inches. Dealers will often special-order shutters in these sizes for customers who want them.

Two or more narrow shutters can also be bolted together side-by-side to create a wider shutter panel.

Prices of molded shutters vary with size, style and manufacturer. Typical 14-inch-by-47-inch louvered shutters usually cost between \$25 and \$30 per pair. Raised-panel shutters are usually slightly more expensive.

Before buying shutters, be sure to measure the windows. Ideally, each shutter panel should be half the width of the window's outside frame and a few inches shorter than the frame's depth. Also compare manufacturers' warranties against cracking and warping of the shutters.

Most shutters are furnished with color-matched screws.

Follow installation instructions furnished with the shutters. The following procedure is typical: Place a shutter beside the window and mark

positions for screw holes on the shutter. On masonry such as bricks, place the holes so the screws will enter mortar joints. On wood or other types of non-masonry siding, position holes so the screws will enter the thickest part of the siding.

Drill 3/16-inch holes through the shutter for the screws. Put the shutter back beside the window and mark the hole positions on the siding by inserting an awl or nail through the shutter holes.

For an installation on masonry, drill 1/4-inch holes two inches deep into the masonry. Insert plastic anchors or sleeves into the holes to provide extra grip for the screws. Reposition the shutter, insert the screws, and drive the screws into place. The screws should be snug but not overtight.

For an installation on wood or other non-masonry material, follow the same steps, though no anchors are needed for the screws. Instead of drilling 1/4-inch holes for anchors, drill 1/8-inch holes two inches deep into the wall surface. The screws can be turned directly into the holes.

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Historic home rehabilitation efforts could win you award

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

Have you rehabilitated a historic home within the past five years? Your authentic Mizner or great example of art deco design may be a winner. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is sponsoring the Great American Home Awards to recognize homeowners and professionals for outstanding rehabilitation efforts. Categories include exterior, interior, sympathetic addition that matches the existing style, landscape design and this year's special category "the urban home."

To be eligible, houses must be at least 50 years old and should be a single-family home. Deadline is June 30.

Winners receive a brass plaque for the exterior of their homes, a certificate of merit and a story on their home in "Historic Preservation" magazine.

For entry forms, send a self-addressed, legal-size stamped envelope to: Great American Home Awards, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. For more information, call 1-202-673-4283.

Handywomen drive home point: Repairs don't have to be wrenching

Knight-Ridder News Service

The other day, a recently divorced friend listed the qualities she's looking for in a man. At the top: handy around the house.

But until he comes along, this woman who once rarely tried to hang a picture is plunging into repair projects. Her most requested Christmas gift: a variable-speed cordless drill equipped with flat- and Phillips-head screwdriver bits.

It's a quiet trend. As more single women buy houses and increasing numbers of divorcees manage them alone, more women are tackling the home repair and improvement projects that traditionally fell to men.

Increasingly, women are traipsing into hardware stores for tools, parts and advice and enrolling in free seminars for everything from roof repair to tile grout.

When the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer asked readers about the Ms. Fix-its at their houses, the newspaper heard from women who've built decks, porches and garages, replastered crumbling walls, painted inside and out, installed light fixtures, rewired thermostats, plumbed sinks and tubs, and laid tile and carpet.

Their advice, along with that of experts: You, too - tumble-fingered woman or man - can master at least the simplest home repairs and improvements.

Lyn Herriek of Valle Crucis, N.C., a ski patrol leader at Ski Hawksnest in the North Carolina mountains, added on rooms, fixed cars, plumbed sinks and wired light fixtures for 22 years before writing a 1991 book called "Anything He Can Fix, I Can Fix Better."

Said Herriek, 47: "The women I've dealt with, once they do a project successfully, they get the confidence to try again."

So how to go about transforming yourself from hapless to handy? Here are tips from handywomen and home repair experts:

- Invest in a good home repair guide. Some

examples suggested by Connect readers: (Readers Digest Do-It-Yourself Manual (Readers Digest Association, \$30) and Time-Life's home repair series.

- If help is if they're written simply - they need to be easy to understand and have diagrams to show what's going on," said Janelle Travis of Charlotte, who usually sticks to simple projects such as unclogging sinks.

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Herriek's book, "Anything He Can Fix, I Can Fix Better," has diagrams showing most tasks. Chapters include how to repair water heaters, washing machines, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, ceiling fixtures, furniture rings, heating vents, toilets, sinks and showers, fluorescent lights, lawn mowers and bicycles.

Also, libraries are excellent sources for home repair and improvement books. • Get to know experts at hardware and building supply stores. Some are very knowledgeable and offer invaluable advice.

"People love to give you help," said Ginny Taylor of Monroe, N.C., who's installing her own 12-by-20-foot fish pond this year. "Don't be afraid to go back and say it didn't work."

• Consider enrolling in free seminars offered by larger hardware stores or in basic home or auto repair courses at some community colleges.

Hardware stores sometimes offer free how-to seminars, too.

• Figure out whether it really will be cheaper to make the repair yourself. You can

do most repairs and projects for less money than paying a professional - unless you have to buy expensive tools. If you don't think you'll use those tools in the future, consider paying a professional, said Varney Gargess, the hardware store salesman.

- Assemble a basic tool chest. You can buy new tools at retail stores, but don't overlook occasional bargains at flea markets and yard sales.

Herriek's book recommends: a straight-slot screwdriver, Phillips-head screwdriver, adjustable wrench, pipe cutter, vise grip pliers, hammer, household lubricating oil, razor knife, wire crimper, pipe wrench, steel tape measure, carpenter's level, crosscut saw, hacksaw, electric drill-pump-knife.

- Start with the simpler repairs and projects. You'll have to read and talk to experts to determine how complicated a particular project will be.

ALWAYS turn off the power or the water or both when working on a project that involves them. Your home repair book or manual should tell you how - and how to test to make sure they are off.

A note of caution: Be especially careful working with anything involving wiring. "Wiring is not a very good hobby. It's extremely dangerous," said Gargess.

- Read the directions before you start and take one step at a time.

- Right is tight and left is loose. To tighten screws and nuts, turn them clockwise (to the right), Herriek said. But hold true in all but a few cases: bike pedals and an occasional plumbing part. If a screw or nut won't tighten, it may be because the threads are stripped or damaged; in that case, replace it.

- Don't start a project with only a limited amount of time. Most projects will take more time than you think. You do not want to rush anything; that will only cause problems.

- Dress properly for repair projects. Plan to get dirty or wet - you may not, but be prepared for it, Herriek said.

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